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## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2023-2024

There are several important changes for the 2023-2024 hunting and trapping seasons.

1. New WMA hunting opportunities - See WMA section
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  - » Milan Volunteer Training Site (Previously known as Milan Arsenal) in Carroll and Gibson counties, quota hunts that will be available during quota hunt application period - Page 47
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2. Hunt for Warriors moved to Hiwassee Refuge
3. Small Game Season firearm restriction during Young Sportsman Deer and Bear Seasons
4. New CWD Management Zone established for feeding and carcass transport regulations, see page 29

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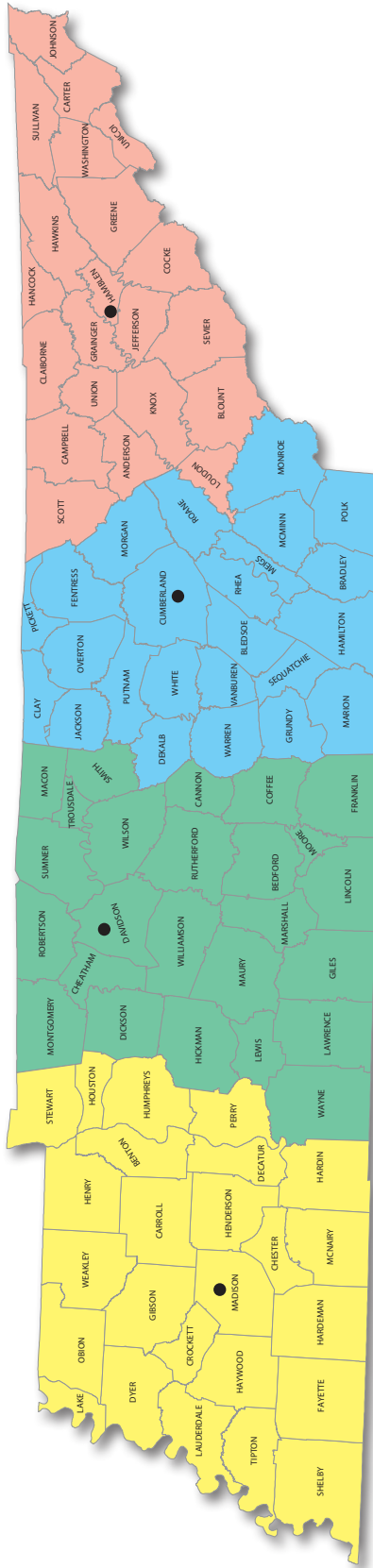
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# LICENSE FEES

## & INFORMATION

### General Information

Hunting and fishing licenses are valid from date of purchase until 365 days after purchase for most license types.

**Note:** A Social Security Number is required by federal law to purchase a Tennessee hunting or fishing license.

Seasons are subject to change. License fees are subject to change. Migratory bird seasons are determined by federal regulations. Most licenses, except the Lifetime Sportsman License and specialty licenses, such as Wheelchair, Disabled Veteran, SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and Blind Fishing licenses, are available from most county clerks, sporting goods stores, hardware stores, marinas, TWRA regional offices and [gooutdoortennessee.com](http://gooutdoortennessee.com).

### Native Tennessean

Nonresidents who were born in Tennessee may apply for Native Tennessean annual licenses. These licenses provide nonresidents born in the state but no longer residing in the state, the op-

portunity to purchase annual Tennessee hunting/fishing/trapping licenses at the same cost as a resident. Details and application available online at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org). First time applicants must apply by application only. Native nonresidents who have previously applied can renew their licenses online at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com), through the TWRA OnTheGo app, or at any of our Tennessee license Agents.

### Misplaced a License?

All paper copies of hunting and fishing licenses including lifetime licenses may be printed at no cost at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) any time. You can also replace your license at any license agent for a fee of \$8.00. Please verify your address at the time of purchase.

### Resident License Purchase Information

Resident licenses can be purchased by:

- Persons who possess a valid Tennessee driver's license or Tennessee state ID issued by the Department of Safety. Tennessee state

law requires drivers to obtain a Tennessee driver's license within 30 days of residency. Out-of-state driver's license only accepted for Military Personnel and Students meeting the criteria below.

- Military personnel on active duty in Tennessee and children under 16 years of age who reside with them, regardless of Tennessee resident status.
- Students who are enrolled in a Tennessee school, college or university for at least six months, with an appropriate student ID.
- Persons who do not drive or do not possess a valid driver's license from another state, but who have lived in Tennessee for 90 consecutive days with the genuine intent of making Tennessee their permanent home, may prove residency by presenting to a TWRA license agent **any two** of the following documents:
  - » Current Tennessee voter registration card;
  - » Current Tennessee vehicle registration or title;
  - » Form I-94 issued by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service;
  - » Current rental/mortgage contract or receipt including deed of sale for property or receipt for payment of Tennessee real estate taxes within last year.

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### Lifetime Sportsman

**Age determines the cost.**

An all-inclusive lifetime license is available only to Tennessee residents and valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any TWRA supplemental licenses or permits (does not include the Tennessee Guide License). It allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. This license is available via application only and must be sent in with the required documentation.

Applications must be submitted by email ([lifetime.license@tn.gov](mailto:lifetime.license@tn.gov)), mail (address on application), fax (615-837-4262), or to TWRA regional offices.

| LICENSE                 | FEE        |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Under 3 years           | \$320.00   |
| Ages 3–6                | \$659.00   |
| Ages 7–12               | \$988.00   |
| Ages 13–50              | \$1,976.00 |
| Ages 51–64              | \$1,153.00 |
| Ages 65 & over          | \$329.00   |
| Adopted child under 13* | \$320.00   |

\* Must provide proof that adoption occurred within 3 years of application.

### Resident Licenses

| LICENSE  | FEE     |
|--|---------|
| <b>Hunting and Fishing Combination</b><br>Minimum license required to fish and hunt small game statewide. Ages 16 thru 64.   | \$33.00 |
| <b>Supplemental Licenses</b> below are required and must be purchased, in addition to the <b>Hunting and Fishing Combination</b> license, in order to hunt deer, elk, bear, turkey, and waterfowl or to trap game. The type of hunting equipment to be used determines which supplemental licenses are necessary. Annual Sportsman and Lifetime License holders are exempt from having to purchase these licenses. |         |
| Waterfowl  | \$37.00 |
| Big Game Gun   | \$33.00 |
| Big Game Archery   | \$33.00 |
| Big Game Muzzleloader  | \$33.00 |
| Trapping   | \$33.00 |

## Resident Licenses (continued)

| LICENSE  | FEE             |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>Annual Sportsman</b>  | <b>\$165.00</b> |
| An all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any TWRA supplemental licenses or non-quota permits; allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Annual Sportsman licenses can be purchased from all license agents.   |                 |
| <b>Junior Hunt/Fish/Trap</b>   | <b>\$9.00</b>   |
| Ages 13–15. Good for hunting all game, fishing and trapping. Must be purchased prior to 16th birthday. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. WMA Big Game Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as “left over” permits.  |                 |
| <b>Permanent Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap</b>   | <b>\$49.00</b>  |
| Available at all license agents and can only be purchased on or after 65th birthday. A valid Tennessee driver’s license or proof of age and residency is required. Base license and supplemental licenses are included. WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as “left over” permits.   |                 |
| <b>Annual Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap</b>  | <b>\$4.00</b>   |
| Available at all license agents and can only be purchased on or after 65th birthday. A valid Tennessee driver’s license or proof of age and residency is required. Base license and supplemental licenses are included. WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as “left over” permits.   |                 |
| <b>Annual Senior Citizen Sportsman Permit</b>  | <b>\$49.00</b>  |
| An all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any TWRA supplemental licenses or non-quota permits and allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Available at all license agents and can only be purchased on or after 65th birthday.   |                 |
| <b>The licenses below are only available via application. Applications are available at regional offices or at <a href="http://www.tnwildlife.org">www.tnwildlife.org</a></b>  |                 |
| <b>Annual Resident Hunting &amp; Fishing Disabled Under 18</b>   | <b>\$5.00</b>   |
| Available to Tennessee residents under the age of 18 who meet the requirements of TCA 70-2-104 as amended. The certification of the total and permanent disability issued by a physician licensed to practice in Tennessee must accompany this application. Renewable annually with current fee. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.   |                 |
| <b>Permanent Resident Hunting &amp; Fishing Intellectually Disabled</b>  | <b>\$10.00</b>  |
| Tennessee residents over the age of 10 years may purchase by providing a certification by a physician licensed to practice in Tennessee as having an intellectual disability as described in TCA 33-1-101. Applicant will be required to complete the Hunter Education Course as provided in TCA 70-2-108. Additional restrictions are listed on the back of the license card. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.   |                 |
| <b>Permanent Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing</b>  | <b>\$10.00</b>  |
| In accordance with TCA 70-2-104(a)(4)(a) a permanent sport combination hunting and fishing license is available to residents who are permanently restricted to wheelchairs or who have suffered an amputation of 75% or more of a lower limb. A certificate from a physician licensed to practice medicine in Tennessee is required. The certificate must state that the applicant is permanently restricted to a wheelchair or suffered an amputation of 75% or more of a lower limb. Additional restrictions are listed on the back of the license card. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. |                 |

## Resident Licenses (continued)

| LICENSE   | FEE            |
|---|----------------|
| <b>Permanent DAV Hunting and Fishing</b>  | <b>\$10.00</b> |
| Available only by application to the TWRA License Regional Offices for resident veterans certified by the VA as 30% disabled by reason of war service or one hundred percent service connected. Covers all license requirements to hunt and fish but holder must purchase any applicable permits. Must provide DD214 form and Veterans Administration letter showing percent of disability. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. |                |

## Nonresident Licenses

These do not include WMA, or quota hunt permits. See **WMA Non-quota Big Game** on page 6.

| LICENSE  | FEE             |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>Junior Hunt/Fish</b>  | <b>\$10.00</b>  |
| Required for nonresidents ages 13–15 to fish or hunt small game. A <b>7-Day Junior ALL Game</b> or <b>Junior ALL Game Annual</b> is required to hunt big game. |                 |
| <b>7-Day Junior ALL Game</b>   | <b>\$26.00</b>  |
| <b>Junior ALL Game Annual</b>  | <b>\$41.00</b>  |
| <b>7-Day Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl</b>   | <b>\$61.00</b>  |
| <b>Annual Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl</b>  | <b>\$110.00</b> |
| <b>7-Day All Game</b>  | <b>\$214.00</b> |
| <b>Annual All Game</b>   | <b>\$305.00</b> |
| <b>Annual Trapping</b>   | <b>\$200.00</b> |

## Apprentice Hunter Education Permit

This is a supplemental license in lieu of a hunter education certificate. **All other applicable hunting licenses and/or permits are required.** This license is available to all hunters 10 years of age or older who have not completed the mandatory hunter education course. It exempts the hunter from the mandatory hunter education requirement for one year from the date of purchase, but may only be purchased for up to three consecutive years during the lifetime of the hunter. Hunters who possess this license must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must meet the hunter education requirements and be able to take immediate control of the hunting device.

| LICENSE                                   | FEE            |
|---|----------------|
| <b>Apprentice Hunter Education Permit</b> | <b>\$11.00</b> |

## Guide License

This license is required for anyone who accepts compensation for providing assistance to another in any act of hunting, fishing, and/or trapping and is only available via application.

| LICENSE                          | FEE             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Resident Guide License</b>    | <b>\$151.00</b> |
| <b>Nonresident Guide License</b> | <b>\$650.00</b> |

Buy your license online at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](https://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com)

## Federal Duck Stamp

Federal law requires each waterfowl hunter, age 16 and over, to carry on his/her person, in addition to a hunting license and state migratory bird permit, a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) signed in ink across the face. These can be purchased at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](https://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) from July 1 to Feb. 11 or at the Post Office. You immediately get a temporary stamp and a physical stamp arrives in the mail within 30 days.

| LICENSE            | FEE     |
|--------------------|---------|
| Federal Duck Stamp | \$25.00 |

## Migratory Bird Permit Required

Resident and nonresident hunters must possess a Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit to hunt waterfowl and other migratory birds in Tennessee, available anywhere hunting and fishing licenses are sold. Expires on June 30 of each year. The following individuals do not need but are **encouraged** to acquire this permit:

- Landowners hunting on their own land;
- Disabled veterans;
- Tennessee residents 65 years or older;
- Tennessee residents under 13 years of age;
- Lifetime Sportsman license holders; or
- Military personnel on leave or furlough (with leave papers).

| LICENSE   | FEE    |
|---|--------|
| Migratory Bird Permit   | \$1.00 |
| Migratory Bird Permit<br>Only available to Sportsman license holders. | no fee |

## Hunter Education Replacement Card

To replace a Hunter Education card at a TWRA license agent location, first contact your TWRA Regional Office during normal business hours and verify that your Hunter Education number has been updated in the TWRA license system. Then you may go to a TWRA license agent and purchase a Hunter Education Card Replacement. See page 8 and online for Hunter Education requirements to hunt in Tennessee.

| LICENSE                           | FEE    |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Hunter Education Replacement Card | \$7.00 |

## Wildlife Management Area Permits

Everyone who hunts on Wildlife Management Areas is required to have a WMA permit except Lifetime or Sportsman License holders and youths under age 16 hunting small game and waterfowl. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult with a valid WMA small game permit. Youths under 6 may not hunt big game on a WMA. **All ages need a WMA Non-quota Big Game permit for WMA big game seasons.**

| LICENSE  | FEE     |
|--|---------|
| WMA Small Game and Waterfowl   | \$61.00 |
| 1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl   | \$12.00 |
| WMA Small Game only  | \$20.00 |
| WMA Non-quota Big Game<br>Required for residents and non-residents to hunt WMA non-quota big game hunts, including Cherokee. | \$24.00 |
| Cherokee WMA Big Game Non-quota<br>Valid for Cherokee WMA non-quota big game hunts.  | \$18.00 |

## Land Between the Lakes

All hunters 16 years and older are required to purchase a Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit.

| LICENSE                  | FEE     |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Annual Hunter Use Permit | \$25.00 |

## Tennessee NWR/Cross Creeks NWR

This permit is required for Tennessee NWR and Cross Creeks NWR hunters including lifetime and annual sportsman license holders.

| LICENSE         | FEE     |
|-----------------|---------|
| Federal Refuges | \$14.00 |

## Reelfoot Preservation Permit

Required for all users of Reelfoot WMA except those under 16 years of age, residents 65 years or older, Annual Sportsman license holder and Lifetime Sportsman license holder. Permit cost is the same for residents and non-residents.

| LICENSE                         | FEE     |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1-Day Reelfoot Preserv. Permit  | \$3.00  |
| 3-Day Reelfoot Preserv. Permit  | \$10.00 |
| Annual Reelfoot Preserv. Permit | \$16.00 |

## High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit

A High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit is required for riding hooved animals, bicycling, and off-highway vehicles (OHV) use on designated wildlife management areas. Persons holding a valid hunting license with an appropriate permit to hunt on a wildlife management area and youths under age 13 are exempt. At least one occupant of an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) must possess the proper permit(s). No permit shall be required on roads/trails as designated. OHVs is any vehicle capable of traveling off highways within the state. The term includes all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, dune buggies and other four-wheeled vehicles used for off-road activities.

This permit is required on the following WMAs (Note: not all activities are permitted on each WMA requiring this permit): Bear Hollow, Bridgestone Firestone - Big Bottom Unit, Catoosa, Cheatham, Forks of the River, Keyes-Harrison, Laurel Hill, Luper Mountain, Mt. Roosevelt, North Chickamauga Creek - Patton Unit, North Cumberland, Pea Ridge, Skinner Mountain, Williamsport, and Yanahli. Refer to the individual listing for each WMA for more specific information on which activities are permitted.

| LICENSE                   | FEE      |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Resident Annual Permit    | \$73.00  |
| Resident Daily Permit     | \$15.00  |
| Nonresident Annual Permit | \$232.00 |
| Nonresident Daily Permit  | \$37.00  |

## Firing Range Permits

Required for anyone 16 years of age and older using a TWRA Firing Range. Refer to [tnwildlife.org](https://tnwildlife.org) for more details and specific range information. Tier 1 Permits not required for any annual license holders.

| LICENSE             | FEE      |
|---------------------|----------|
| Tier 1 Range 2hr    | \$5.00   |
| Tier 1 Range Annual | \$100.00 |
| Tier 2 Range 2hr    | \$7.50   |
| Tier 2 Range Annual | \$150.00 |
| Tier 3 Range 1hr    | \$9.50   |
| Tier 3 Range Annual | \$300.00 |





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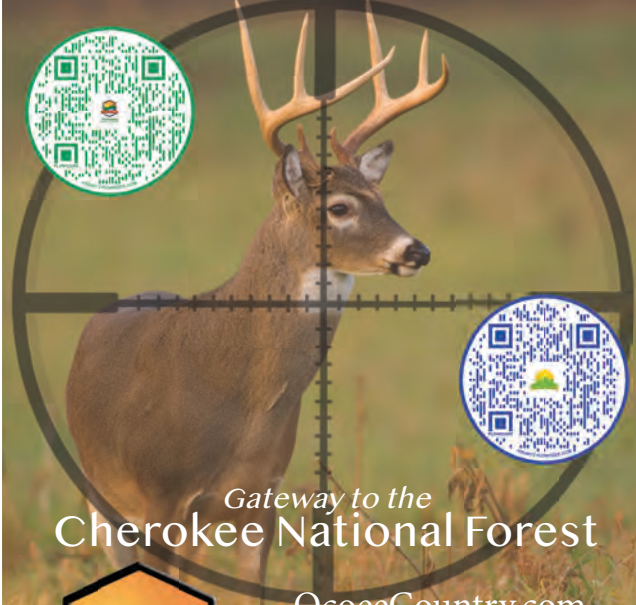
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# LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

## & HUNTER EDUCATION INFORMATION

### License Exemptions

- Residents born before March 1, 1926 (with proof of age and residency).
- Military personnel on leave carrying leave papers.
- Landowners, their spouses, children, and children's spouses who hunt on their own farmland. **The aforementioned must be residents of Tennessee** but need not reside on the land. This license exemption **does not** apply if the farmland is owned jointly or in common by unrelated persons.
- Resident grandchildren (under the age of 16) and resident great-grandchildren (under the age of 16) who hunt on farmland which is owned by their resident grandparents or great-grandparents. (See below, Farmland Owner License Exemption.)
- Tenants, their spouses and their dependent children who hunt on farmland which is owned by an individual or a family. The aforementioned must be residents of Tennessee and must actually reside on the land and have permission of the landowner to hunt. A tenant is a person who, for money, free rent or other consideration, cares for farmland. The tenancy must be agricultural in nature.
- First cousins who own farmland jointly or in common may fish and hunt small game on the farmland. Their children may fish and hunt small game as well.

Persons hunting without a license under a resident farmland owner exemption must complete and sign a statement attesting where the property is located and how this land qualifies for a landowner exemption. Persons may complete the form in advance and carry it with them while hunting or they may complete the form when requested in the field by a TWRA official or when checking game. A form is provided on page 80 of this guide. Additional forms are available at TWRA offices and TWRA's website ([www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)). Landowners and their children hunting on their parent's land under this exemption are also exempt from Hunter Education Certification requirements and blaze orange requirements.

### Mandatory Hunter Education

All hunters, resident or nonresident, born on or after Jan. 1, 1969, must possess proof that they have successfully completed a Hunter Education course. Hunter Education certification is accepted from all other states. Those under 10 years of age do not need a Hunter Education certificate, but must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Go to [tnwildlife.org](http://tnwildlife.org) to complete hunter education online or find a listing of scheduled classes.

## HUNTER EDUCATION

### Hunter Education Options in Tennessee

#### ONLINE COURSE

Hunter education for ages 9 and over may be completed online with no field day or in-person requirement.

**Step 1:** Complete one of the following online classes:

*NRA course* FREE

*Hunter-Ed.com* \$34.95

*HunterCourse.com* \$29.00

*ilearntohunt.com* \$49.95

**Step 2:** Print your Tennessee Hunter Education Certificate after successfully completing the online course.

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#### TRADITIONAL COURSE

##### In-person class.

The TWRA offers a traditional eight-hour hunter education course. These courses focus on firearms safety and as always are free of charge.

To locate a traditional hunter education course near you, call your local TWRA office or visit [tnwildlife.org](http://tnwildlife.org).



# MANNER & MEANS

## Legal Hunting Devices

All firearms, hunting devices, and ammunition listed in the below table are legal for hunting purposes for the individual species as listed. If a firearm, hunting device, or ammunition is not listed in the below table it is illegal for hunting within the State of Tennessee. Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) may have additional restrictions on legal hunting devices.

| FIREARM, HUNTING DEVICE AND AMMUNITION  | Big Game         |                  |                  |                  | Small Game         |                                  |                      |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
|   | DEER             | BEAR             | ELK              | TURKEY           | MIGRATORY BIRDS    | FURBEARERS <sup>4</sup> AND CROW | ALL OTHER SMALL GAME |
| Shotguns (including muzzleloading shotguns) using ammunition loaded with Number Four (4) or smaller shot        | No               | No               | No               | Yes              | Yes <sup>3</sup>   | Yes                              | Yes                  |
| Shotguns (including muzzleloading shotguns) using ammunition loaded with T shot (0.20 inch diameter) or smaller | No               | No               | No               | No               | Yes <sup>3,6</sup> | Yes                              | No                   |
| Shotguns (including muzzleloading shotguns) using ammunition loaded with single solid ball or slugs             | Yes              | Yes              | Yes              | No               | No                 | Yes <sup>1</sup>                 | No                   |
| Rifles and handguns using rimfire ammunition and air guns (.25 caliber or smaller)                              | No               | No               | No               | No               | No                 | Yes                              | Yes                  |
| Rifles and handguns using centerfire ammunition (full metal jacketed ammunition prohibited)                     | Yes              | Yes              | Yes              | No               | No                 | Yes <sup>1,5</sup>               | No                   |
| Muzzleloading firearms (rifles and handguns) .36 caliber or larger  | Yes <sup>7</sup> | Yes <sup>7</sup> | Yes <sup>7</sup> | No               | No                 | Yes <sup>1,7</sup>               | Yes <sup>1,7</sup>   |
| Muzzleloading firearms (rifles and handguns) less than .36 caliber  | No               | No               | No               | No               | No                 | Yes <sup>7</sup>                 | Yes <sup>7</sup>     |
| Air guns .35 caliber or larger  | Yes <sup>8</sup> | Yes <sup>8</sup> | Yes <sup>8</sup> | No               | No                 | Yes <sup>1,8</sup>               | No                   |
| Pre-charged pneumatic gun which shoots an arrow (special conditions apply)                                      | Yes <sup>9</sup> | Yes <sup>9</sup> | Yes <sup>9</sup> | Yes <sup>9</sup> | No                 | Yes <sup>1,9</sup>               | No                   |
| Archery equipment (longbows, recurves, compounds, and crossbows)  | Yes <sup>2</sup> | Yes <sup>2</sup> | Yes <sup>2</sup> | Yes <sup>2</sup> | Yes                | Yes                              | Yes                  |
| Raptors that are legally possessed under a valid falconry permit  | No               | No               | No               | No               | Yes                | Yes                              | Yes                  |

\* Only muzzleloading firearms may be used during the muzzleloader season. There are no changes to the muzzleloader season.

1. If using this equipment while hunting during deer, elk or bear season you must be a legal big game hunter (See No. 9 in Miscellaneous section on page 11).
2. Hunting arrows and bolts must be equipped with sharpened broadheads.
3. Waterfowl and sandhill cranes may only be hunted with non-toxic shot of T size or smaller.
4. Furbearers are defined as beaver, bobcat, coyote, fox, groundhog, mink, muskrat, opossum, river otter, raccoon, skunk, and weasel.
5. It is illegal to use rifles and handguns using centerfire ammunition from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.
6. Migratory birds, except waterfowl and sandhill cranes, may only be hunted with ammunition loaded with Number 4 or smaller shot size.
7. Muzzleloading firearms are defined as those firearms in which a projectile (rifle) or projectiles (shotgun) must be loaded from the muzzle (front) end of the barrel and the firearm being of design and manufacture that prevents the projectile(s) from being loaded from the breech (rear) end.
8. Must use a pre-charged pneumatic firing mechanism; in addition, the air gun must be equipped with a built-in manometer (air pressure gauge).
9. (a) Persons possessing a permanent disabled license (Annual Resident Hunting & Fishing Disabled Under 18, Permanent Resident Hunting & Fishing Intellectually Disabled, Permanent Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing, Permanent DAV Hunting and Fishing) may use a pre-charged pneumatic gun which shoots an arrow during the archery, deer, bear and elk season as an accommodation for their disability.  
(b) A pre-charged pneumatic gun which shoots an arrow is legal for all hunters to use during modern gun season for deer, bear, elk and turkey.

## Prohibited Acts

1. Possession of ammunition except that as specifically authorized is prohibited while hunting.
2. The use or possession and/or the accompanying of anyone using or possessing raccoon calls, squallers, weapons, ammunition, or climbers while training dogs is prohibited during training season, except raccoon calls may be used during authorized field trials.
3. The use of dogs in hunting (TCA 70-1-101) or attempting to take deer or elk is prohibited. Taking or attempting to take deer being pursued by dog, or dogs, is prohibited.
4. Juveniles under the age of 18 are prohibited from using handguns for the purpose of hunting.
5. No person shall make use of bait to hunt (TCA 70-1-101) wildlife unless the bait has been removed and any electronic feeder disabled at least 10 days prior to hunting. Salt and mineral are allowed if the salt/mineral contains at least 51% salt by weight of salt minerals or it does not contain whole grain or other non-refined food stuffs.
6. Possession of firearms prohibited while chasing coyote, fox, and bobcat with dogs from

the first Saturday in November through the end of the deer season.

7. Use or possession of the following equipment is prohibited:
  - » Predator calls while night hunting.
  - » Pod arrows (any pod-type device for holding drugs or chemicals on an arrow) or any drugs or chemicals used in pod arrows while archery hunting.
  - » Explosive arrowheads while archery hunting.
  - » Firearms capable of fully automatic fire.
  - » Firearms or archery equipment with any device utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife.
  - » Any electronic light amplifying night vision scope, thermal imaging device, or device while in possession of a firearm or archery tackle between sunset and sunrise.
  - » Electronic calls or live decoys while hunting wild turkey, foxes, and waterfowl (except electronic calls are legal during the Light Goose Conservation Season).
  - » Rifles or handguns with full metal jacketed ammunition.
  - » Rifles or handguns with centerfire ammunition between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.
  - » Any loose shot other than non-toxic (as approved by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) or any shotgun shell loaded with shot other than non-toxic while hunting waterfowl, sandhill cranes, coots, gallinules, Virginia rails, and sora rails.
  - » Centerfire or muzzleloading rifles possessed by an individual 17 yrs of age or older for the purpose of hunting furbearers during the Young Sportsman Deer and Bear seasons.
8. UAV (unmanned aerial vehicles) cannot be used to hunt any wildlife.
9. The use or possession of natural cervid urine while hunting is prohibited unless the product is clearly labeled bearing certification from the manufacturer that the urine was produced in a facility that:
  - » Complies with a federal or a federally approved chronic wasting disease herd certification program and any federal CWD protocols and record requirements;
  - » Does not allow importation of live cervids;
  - » Requires that all cervids exported from the facility be tested for CWD upon death and the results are reported to the facility;
  - » Is inspected annually by an accredited veterinarian, including inspection of the herd and applicable Federal and State records; and
  - » Maintains a fence at least 8 feet high around the facility and, if the facility is located within 30 miles of a confirmed positive occurrence of CWD, is double fenced to prevent direct contact between captive and wild cervids.
  - » Requires an accredited veterinarian to conduct a one hundred percent herd inspection at a minimum of every 3 years; and
  - » Prior to distribution, tests each lot/batch of cervid collected urine used in a scent product via the Real Time Quaking Induced Con-

version (RT-QuIC) assay for the presence of Chronic Wasting Disease prions.

## Legal Trapping Devices and Definitions

1. Steel foothold traps used for water sets must have an exterior jaw measurement of nine (9) inches or less measured at the hinge of the trap. Steel foothold traps used for ground sets must have an exterior jaw measurement of seven (7) inches or less measured at the hinge of the trap. Steel square instant-kill traps must have an exterior jaw measurement of sixteen (16) inches or less measured at the widest point, and steel circular instant-kill traps must have an exterior measurement of twelve (12) inches or less measured at the widest point.
2. Live traps are legal for taking any species of wildlife listed as having a trapping season. Live traps are defined as those traps that act as a cage after capture.
3. Steel cable snares having a minimum cable diameter of five sixty-fourths (5/64) of an inch and a maximum cable diameter of three thirty-seconds (3/32) of an inch are legal for all legal furbearer species during the legal trapping season. Spring activated snares other than Collarum snares are prohibited.
4. Commercially available dog-proof traps, also known as species-specific traps, are legal for trapping.
5. For ground sets, a trapper may use cushion-hold traps, laminated jaw traps, offset wide jaw traps, offset laminated jaw traps, and wide jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of seven (7) inches or less measured at the hinge point and with a minimum jaw thickness of one-fourth (1/4) of an inch. For ground sets, a trapper may also use double-jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of seven (7) inches or less of the upper and lower jaws combined and a minimum jaw thickness of one-fourth (1/4) of an inch. For water sets, a trapper may use cushion-hold traps, laminated jaw traps, offset wide jaw traps, offset laminated jaw traps, and wide jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of nine (9) inches or less measured at the hinge point. For water sets, a trapper may also use double-jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of nine (9) inches or less of the upper and lower jaws combined.
6. For trapping purposes, "water set" is defined to mean traps set in water adjacent to and part of streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands, or other water courses and includes floating sets.
7. Trappers shall mark all traps and snares with their name or TWRA ID number.
8. Steel traps placed inside a hole, cave, den, hollow log, hollow stump, or any like place shall be placed at least twelve (12) inches inside the entrance of such place, and it is unlawful to place steel traps in the open, except for water sets and trap types listed in paragraph five (5) above.

9. Lethal sets such as instant kill traps and water set ("drowning") traps must be inspected every seventy-two (72) hours. All other traps must be inspected every thirty-six (36) hours and any wildlife caught in the traps shall be removed.
10. For ground sets adjacent to waterways and no more than fifty (50) feet from the shoreline, a trapper may use a 110 body grip trap, or its equivalent, with a maximum exterior jaw measurement of six (6) inches wide by six (6) inches tall. Such a trap shall be a single-spring trap with a factory spring designated for that trap. The lowest point of the trap closest to the ground shall be no more than one-half (1/2) inch above the surface of the ground. The trap shall be used as a non-baited or lured set unless it is set at a minimum of twelve (12) inches inside a hole, den, or cubby. For trapping seasons, see page 22.
11. All traps shall be attached to a stake, drag or anchor, with chain, wire at sixteen (16) gauge or larger or cable of one-sixteenth (1/16) inch size or larger.

## Legal Hunting Hours

1. All big game and small game species (except bullfrogs, raccoons, opossums, and the chasing of foxes and rabbits) are daylight hours only (30 mins before legal sunrise to 30 mins after legal sunset) except turkey and migratory birds which ends at official sunset. Exceptions under the migratory birds are sandhill cranes which end at 3 pm. Along with opening day of dove season opens at noon.
2. Hunting of bullfrogs, raccoons, opossums, the chasing of foxes and rabbits, and the trapping of furbearers is permitted day or night unless restricted by Proclamation. No foxes or rabbits may be shot while chasing/training at night.
3. Hunting of migratory birds is to comply with federal regulations for migratory birds, unless restricted by proclamation.

## Migratory Bird Regulations

1. Federal regulations relative to baiting, firearms, bag and possession limits, wanton waste, tagging, and methods of hunting are hereby adopted and will be applicable to hunting and/or taking of species listed.
2. No person shall hunt migratory game birds, except crows, with a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three (3) shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three (3) shells.
3. All persons who hunt migratory game birds are required to have in their possession a valid Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit in addition to other required Tennessee licenses and permits, with the following exceptions:
  - » Disabled veterans;

- » Landowners hunting on their own land;
  - » Lifetime license holders;
  - » Residents of Tennessee under 13 years of age;
  - » Residents of Tennessee who are 65 or older;
  - » Military personnel on leave or furlough.
4. Refer to federal regulations 50 CFR Ch. 1 (21.41 and 21.43) for conditions and restrictions applicable to the taking of crows in certain depredation or health hazard situations outside of the crow sport hunting season.
  5. Pursuant to federal regulations, during the Light Goose Conservation Season, waterfowl hunters may use unplugged shotguns and electronic calls.

## Miscellaneous

1. Where hunting is allowed from vessels, it is legal to hunt from any vessel, so long as the vessel is not under forward motion from any influence of mechanical means or sail. On private property, it is legal to hunt from any motorized vehicle (to include ATVs, golf carts, etc.), provided the vehicle is stationary (engine may be running). Nothing in this subsection (1) shall be construed as authorizing hunting from a vessel, automobile or other motor vehicle while under power. Nothing in this subsection permits hunting from or across a public road or right-of-way.
2. Hunters who have filled their seasonal or daily bag limit for any species may continue to ac-

- company other hunters provided they are not in possession of any ammunition or any weapon. This person must also comply with all other legal requirements. Access for hunters accompanying may be limited on some WMAs. A bear hunter who has filled the daily or seasonal limit may continue to carry a firearm and take hogs where incidental taking is allowed.
3. Every game animal, wounded or unwounded by hunting and/or trapping and taken into possession by the hunter or trapper shall be immediately slain and become part of the daily bag limit. No person shall, at any time, or by any means, possess or transport live animals taken under the authority of hunting season proclamations.
  4. Gigs, angling equipment, archery, rimfire and air firearms are legal for taking bullfrogs.
  5. Archery equipment is permitted during the archery, muzzleloader and gun seasons. Muzzleloader equipment is permitted during the muzzleloader and gun seasons.
  6. In accordance with state and federal law, persons may possess handguns in addition to legal weapons used for hunting the entire year while on the premises of any TWRA refuge, public hunting area, state owned wildlife management area or, to the extent permitted by federal law, national forest land maintained by the state, and private land. For other federally managed properties hunters should contact that specific facility or location. Nothing in this subsection

shall authorize a person to use any handgun to hunt unless such person is in full compliance with all wildlife laws, rules and regulations.

7. During a deer archery only season, a fall turkey hunter may not be in possession of both archery equipment and shotguns and/or rifles.
8. During archery deer/bear seasons a properly licensed big game hunter may use air guns .25 caliber or smaller to hunt small game while archery hunting for deer/bear. During the muzzleloader and gun deer/bear season, a legal deer or bear hunter may use rimfire or airguns .25 caliber or smaller to hunt small game.
9. During an archery only or muzzleloader/ archery only deer, bear or elk season, furbearers may not be taken with rifles and handguns using center-fire ammunition. During the gun/muzzleloader/ archery seasons, furbearers may be taken by legal big game hunters licensed for the weapon they are using.
10. The use of suppressors/silencers is legal for persons possessing the required federal license from the United States Department of Treasury. Hunters using these devices must have proof of such license on their person.
11. A falconry permittee whose hunting raptor accidentally kills wildlife out of season, or the wrong species or sex, shall leave the dead wildlife where it lies; except that the raptor may feed upon the wildlife prior to leaving the site of the kill.

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# YOUNG SPORTSMAN HUNTS

## & INFORMATION

Help the hunting tradition stay alive by sharing your passion for the outdoors with a youth.

Youth ages 6–16 may participate in Young Sportsman Hunts (excluding elk hunts—see the elk hunting section). Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations as specified for legal hunters during deer and bear hunts. Multiple youth may be accompanied by a single non-hunting adult.

Ages 6–9 are not required to have a license or hunter's education certification. Youths 10–12 must meet hunter education requirements or have a Apprentice Hunter Education Permit. In addition to the requirements for youth 10–12, youth 13–15 must have a valid hunting license and a Migratory Bird Permit if hunting waterfowl. In addition to the requirements for youth 10–15, youth 16 must have the appropriate supplemental license (Waterfowl, Gun, Archery, or Muzzleloader) and a Federal Duck Stamp if hunting waterfowl. Everyone who hunts on a WMA is required to have a WMA permit except Sportsman License holders and youths under

16 hunting small game and waterfowl when accompanied by an adult with a valid permit.

### Deer Hunts

**Oct. 28–29, 2023 and Jan. 13–14, 2024**

Antlered limit: 2 in Units A, B, C, D, and L; Antlered limit 3 in Unit CWD, no more than 1 per day, (counts toward statewide limit). Antlerless bag: Units A,B,C, D = 2; Units L, CWD = 3/day.

### Bear Hunt

**Oct. 28–29, 2023**

Limit 1 per year, either sex. Bear Hunting Zones 1, 2, and 3 only. No dogs allowed.

### Waterfowl Hunts

**Feb. 3 and 10, 2024**

Same as regular season daily bag limits. Adults and other persons accompanying youths shall not hunt during these youth waterfowl hunts.

Geese, coot, gallinules, moorhens, and ducks may be taken by youth during the Young Sportsman Waterfowl Hunts. WMAs with special closing times are open all day, each day of the Young Sportsman Waterfowl Hunts.

### Spring Turkey Hunt

**April 6–7, 2024**

Statewide. One (1) bearded turkey per day, which counts toward the statewide bag limit. Only one can be a jake.

### Wildlife Management Area Youth Hunts

Various TWRA Wildlife Management Areas offer young sportsman hunts. These hunts are for a range of different wildlife species like deer, turkeys and doves. Check the various WMA listings located in the back of this guide for information on these special hunts.



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# GENERAL REGULATIONS

## Possession of Live Animals

No person shall, at any time or by any means, possess or transport live animals taken under the authority of the hunting and trapping season proclamations. No native species may be taken out of the wild and kept as pets.

## Protected Species

The taking, killing and/or illegal possession of hawks, owls, songbirds, endangered species or any other species (i.e., snakes) for which a season is not set is prohibited.

There is evidence cougars and alligators are expanding their territories into Tennessee. Species expanding their ranges into Tennessee are protected and may not be taken until a hunting season is proclaimed. Alligators and cougars are protected by state laws in Tennessee.

## Roadkill Law

TCA 70-4-115 allows wild game animals, except for non-game and federally protected wildlife species, accidentally killed by a motor vehicle to be possessed for personal use and consumption. However, possession of a deer killed by a motor vehicle is permitted only if the person notifies the TWRA or any law enforcement officer and supplies his/her name within 48 hours. Personal possession of bear accidentally killed by a motor vehicle is only lawful once a TWRA enforcement officer issues a possession tag for it.

## Hunting Hours

All big game and small game species (except bullfrogs, raccoons, opossums, and the chasing of foxes and rabbits) are daylight hours only (30 mins before legal sunrise to 30 mins after legal sunset) except turkey and migratory birds which ends at official sunset. Exceptions under the migratory birds are sandhill cranes which end at 3 pm. Along with opening day of dove season opens at noon.

## Hunting and Trapping on Private Land

In Tennessee, state wildlife laws require hunters and trappers to obtain permission from landowners to hunt or trap on private property. In fact, it is advisable to get written permission to hunt and is required to trap. With the passage of TCA 70-4-106 in 1990, a "Hunting By Written Permission" law went into effect. Simply, the law states that if private land has been properly posted by the owner with signs that include his or her name and address plus the wording "HUNTING BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY," a hunter or trapper must carry the owner's written permission. (Form available on page 80 of this guide or at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)). If a hunter or trapper is found without that written permission, that hunter or trapper is subject to prosecution.

## Hunting From a Stationary Vehicle

On private property, it is legal to hunt from any motorized vehicle (to include ATVs, golf carts, etc.), provided the vehicle is stationary (engine may be running). Nothing in this subsection (1) shall be construed as authorizing hunting from a vessel, automobile or other motor vehicle while under power. Nothing in this subsection permits hunting from or across a public road or right-of-way.

## Assisting Hunters

Hunters who have filled their seasonal or daily bag limit for any species may continue to accompany other hunters provided they are not in possession of any ammunition or any firearm or archery equipment. This person must also comply with all other legal requirements.

## Handgun Carry General Regulations

A person may possess a handgun at any time while lawfully on the premises of any TWRA refuge, public hunting area, state owned wildlife management area, or, to the extent permitted by federal law, national forest land maintained by the state. For other federally managed properties hunters should contact that specific facility or location. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize a person to use any handgun to hunt unless such person is in full compliance with all wildlife laws, rules, and regulations.

## General Opening Dates

| SPECIES                                | DATE  |
|--|---|
| Free Hunting Day                       | Fourth Sat. in Aug.   |
| Squirrel                               | Fourth Sat. in Aug.   |
| Grouse                                 | Second Sat. in Oct.   |
| Quail                                  | First Sat. in Nov.  |
| Rabbit                                 | First Sat. in Nov.  |
| Deer (Aug. Hunt)                       | Fourth Fri. in Aug.   |
| Deer/Archery                           | Fourth Sat. in Sept.  |
| Deer/Muzzleloader (excluding Unit CWD) | Third Sat. before Thanksgiving                                |
| Deer/Gun (excluding Unit CWD)          | Sat. before Thanksgiving                                      |
| Deer/Young Sportsman                   | Last Sat. in Oct.<br>First Sat. after the close of gun season |
| Spring Turkey                          | The closest Saturday to April 15                              |
| Turkey/Young Sportman                  | Sat. and Sun. before Spring Turkey opens                      |

# DUCK & SANDHILL CRANE

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### Duck Seasons and Bag Limits *All waterfowl drawings require a party application of 4 persons minimum, 8 person maximum. See Page 44.*

| Early Application Dates:<br>Sept. 27–Oct. 17 | Mid Application Dates:<br>Oct. 25–Nov. 14 | Late Application Dates:<br>Nov. 15–Dec. 5  | Season Long Application Dates:<br>June 28–July 19   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Includes hunt days:<br>Nov. 25–26, Dec. 5–21 | Includes hunt days:<br>Dec. 22–Jan 11     | Includes hunt days:<br>Jan 12–31   | Tier 1 Blind Hunt Dates:<br>Nov. 25–26; Dec. 5–Jan. 31  |
| SPECIES                                      | STATEWIDE                                 | DAILY BAG LIMIT  | POSSESSION LIMIT  |
| Wood Duck & Teal                             | Sept. 9–13                                | The daily bag limit of ducks is 6 and may include no more than 2 wood ducks.   | The possession limit is three (3) times the daily bag limit, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is one (1) and two (2) times the daily bag limit, respectively. |
| Teal   | Sept. 14–17                               | The daily bag limit is 6 of any teal species.  |   |
| Ducks, Coot & Mergansers                     | Nov. 25–26<br>Dec. 5–Jan 31,              | <b>Coot:</b> 15<br><b>Ducks:</b> The daily bag limit of ducks is 6 birds/day which may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be a female), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 2 black ducks, 1 pintail, and 1 mottled duck. The daily bag limit for scaup is 1 scaup from Nov. 25–26 and Dec. 5–17 then 2 scaup from Dec. 18 to Jan. 31.<br><b>Mergansers:</b> 5 (only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers) |   |
| Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season*              | Feb. 3 and 10                             | Same as regular season daily bag limits.   |   |
| Veterans and Active Military Personnel**     | Feb. 4 and 11                             | Same as regular season daily bag limits.   |   |

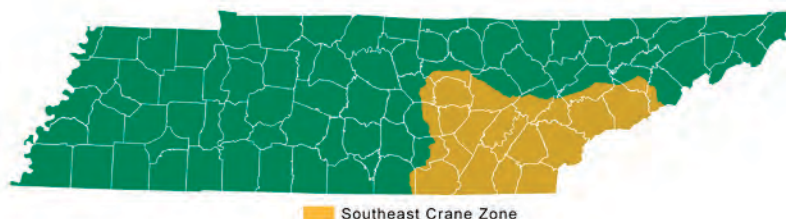
\* Only youth hunters from ages 6–16 years may harvest coot, gallinule, moorhen, ducks, mergansers, and geese during the Youth Waterfowl hunt days. Youth aged 16 are still required to possess a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp). Non-hunting adults at least 21 years of age shall accompany the youth hunter(s) into the field during the youth waterfowl season and must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult; however, **adults and other persons accompanying youths shall not hunt** during these youth waterfowl hunts. Adults not accompanied by youths 6–16 may still harvest geese during those dates. Geese, coot, gallinule, moorhen, and ducks may be taken by youths during the Youth Waterfowl Season. WMAs with special closing times are open all day, each day of the Youth Waterfowl Season.

\*\* Veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training), may participate and harvest coot, gallinule, moorhen, ducks, mergansers, and geese. During the Veterans and Active Military Personnel waterfowl season, non-veteran or non-active duty personnel may be present; however, only veterans or active military persons may hunt. When other migratory gamebird seasons are open during the Veterans and Active Military Personnel waterfowl season, any properly licensed youth or adult not accompanied by veterans or active military may harvest legal game.

### Sandhill Crane Seasons and Bag Limits

| SPECIES        | STATEWIDE   | SOUTHEAST CRANE ZONE<br>SOUTH OF INTERSTATE 40 AND<br>EAST OF HIGHWAY 56 | DAILY BAG LIMIT AND<br>POSSESSION LIMIT*   |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| Sandhill Crane | Dec. 2–Jan. 30. Statewide tags are valid statewide, including the Southeast Crane Zone, except during the three day closure in that zone from Jan. 12–14. | Dec. 2–Jan. 11<br>Jan. 15–30   | The daily bag, season bag, and possession limit for sandhill cranes is based on the number of tags awarded to an individual. |

\* Each harvested crane must be accompanied by a completed kill tag (each tag allows harvest of 1 crane) and be checked in by the end of the calendar day of harvest by any Agency approved check-in method. Also, hunters issued sandhill crane tags MUST fill out and return a post-season survey at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) before February 10, regardless of whether they hunted or harvested a sandhill crane. Failure to return the post-season survey may result in hunters not being eligible to apply for a sandhill crane tag in future draws.



■ Southeast Crane Zone

**The Southeast Crane Zone is south of Interstate 40 and east of Highway 56**



# GEESE

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

| Goose Seasons and Bag Limits                                 |   |                                     |  |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| SPECIES  | STATEWIDE   | DAILY BAG LIMIT                     | POSSESSION LIMIT   |
| Canada Goose   | Sept. 1–17  | 5 in Sept.<br>3 in all other Phases | The possession limit for Canada goose, white-fronted goose, and brant is three (3) times the daily bag limit, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is one (1) and two (2) times the daily bag limit, respectively. |
|  | Oct. 14–29  |                                     |  |
| Nov. 25–26   |   |                                     |  |
| Dec. 5–Feb. 11   |   |                                     |  |
| White-Fronted Goose  | Nov. 25–26<br>Dec. 5–Feb. 11  | 3                                   |  |
| Brant  | Sept. 1–17  | 1                                   |  |
|  | Oct. 14–29  |                                     |  |
|  | Nov. 25–26  |                                     |  |
|  | Dec. 5–Feb. 11  |                                     |  |
| Blue, Snow & Ross's Geese (Light Geese)                      | Standard federal regulations apply (unplugged shotguns and electronic calls NOT allowed)  |                                     |  |
|  | Sept. 1–17  | 20                                  |  |
|  | Oct. 14–29  |                                     |  |
|  | Nov. 25–26  |                                     |  |
| Dec. 5–Feb. 11   |   |                                     |  |
| Light Goose Conservation Season* (Blue, Snow & Ross's Geese) | The following provisions apply during the Light Goose Conservation Season only:<br>Unplugged shotguns, electronic calls, shooting from 30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset. |                                     |  |
|  | Feb. 12–Mar. 31   |                                     |  |
|  |   | no limit                            | There is no possession limit for blue, snow and Ross's geese during the Light Goose Conservation Season.   |

\* A free Light Goose Conservation Season Permit is required to hunt during the Conservation Season, available at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com). No Federal or state waterfowl stamps are required to hunt during the Conservation Season. Hunters must possess a Tennessee Light Goose Conservation Season Permit and have a valid hunting license, but the license may be from any state. A post-season survey is required.



# SANDHILL CRANE

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### Only individuals with a Tennessee Sandhill Crane Tag may hunt.

Be sure the bird you intend to shoot is a sandhill crane. Accidental or intentional shooting of a whooping crane is considered a dual violation and subject to state and federal laws. Don't shoot unless you're sure.

**Sandhill Crane Tag Drawings:** Applicants must be at least thirteen (13) years of age to compete in the drawing. Each application must be accompanied by a non-refundable handling fee, except Sportsman License holders, Lifetime Sportsman License holders and persons possessing an Annual Senior Citizen Sportsman License. Tags are non-transferable.

**Computer Draw:** A total of 2,500 tags (2 tags/hunter) will be issued for statewide use through a computerized drawing. The application period for the statewide drawing is Sept. 6–Sept. 20. These tags will be valid statewide, including the SE Crane Zone. Hunters can apply through any TWRA license agent or at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com).

**Sandhill Crane Identification Test:** All sandhill crane hunters must pass an internet-based crane identification test each year before hunting. All tags issued are invalid until the "Sandhill Crane Test" validation code is written on the tag. The purpose of this test is to improve hunter's awareness and ability to distinguish between sandhill cranes and other protected species which may be encountered while hunting. The test is available at [twra.state.tn.us/SandhillCraneTest](http://twra.state.tn.us/SandhillCraneTest).

**Harvest Reporting:** Each harvested crane must be accompanied by a completed kill tag (each tag allows harvest of 1 crane) and be checked in by the end of the calendar day of harvest by any TWRA approved check-in method.

Also, hunters issued sandhill crane tags MUST fill out and submit a post-season survey at [GoOutdoorsTN.com](http://GoOutdoorsTN.com) before Feb. 10, regardless of whether they hunted or harvested a sandhill crane. Failure to submit the post-season survey results in hunters not being eligible to apply for a sandhill crane tag in future draws.

**Hunting Hours:** Hunting hours for sandhill cranes are from sunrise until 3:00 pm local time.

**Federal Regulations:** No shotguns larger than 10-gauge or capable of holding over 3 shot shells. Federally approved non-toxic shot is required.



#### SANDHILL CRANE

Gray and white red patch on forehead. Long neck and legs.  
**Wingspan:** 77"  
**Length:** 46"  
**Juveniles:** Brown and gray, lacks red on forehead.



#### CANADA GOOSE

Gray and white body and wings. Black head and neck with white chin strap.  
**Wingspan:** 60"  
**Length:** 45"



#### SNOW GOOSE

White, with black wing tips. Short neck.  
**Wingspan:** 53"  
**Length:** 28"



#### TUNDRA SWAN

All-white plumage. Long neck.  
**Wingspan:** 66"  
**Length:** 52"  
**Juveniles:** Gray-brown



#### TRUMPETER SWAN

All-white plumage. Long neck.  
**Wingspan:** 80"  
**Length:** 60"  
**Juveniles:** Gray-brown



#### WHOOPING CRANE

White body with black wing tips. Long neck. Long legs trailing body.  
**Wingspan:** 87"  
**Length:** 52"  
**Juveniles:** White mixed with brown



#### GREAT BLUE HERON

Gray and white plumage. "S" shaped neck.  
**Wingspan:** 60"  
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# FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD

## REGULATIONS

In addition to state regulations, the following federal rules apply to taking, possessing, shipping, transporting, and storing migratory game birds. This is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult actual regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

### Restrictions

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
- From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven vehicle, or any aircraft, except that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.
- From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.
- By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
- Using recordings of migratory bird sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in range of hunters.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited areas.
- Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

### Closed Season

No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

### Shooting or Falconry Hours

No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and falconry as prescribed.

### Daily Bag Limit

No person shall take more than one daily bag limit per day.

### Field Possession Limit

No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

### Wanton Waste

All migratory game birds killed or crippled shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

### Tagging

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information: The hunter's signature, address, the total number of birds involved by species and the dates such birds were killed. No person or business shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

### Possession of Live Birds

Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

### Dual Violation

Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

### Dressing

No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and band-tailed pigeons) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

### Shipment

No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

### Importation

For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required above), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

### Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp

The law requires that each waterfowl hunter, 16 years of age and over, must carry on his or her person a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) signed in ink across the face.

### Caution

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact:

Special Agent-in-Charge,  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,  
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# MIGRATORY BIRD

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### Migratory Bird Seasons

Migratory bird seasons are subject to change by federal framework; check TWRA website for updates.

| SPECIES   | OPENS   | CLOSES               | DAILY BAG*      |
|---|---------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Dove <sup>1</sup><br>(Opens at noon on Sept. 1) | Sept. 1 | Sept. 28             | 15 <sup>2</sup> |
|   | Oct. 14 | Nov. 5               | 15 <sup>2</sup> |
|   | Dec. 8  | Jan. 15              | 15 <sup>2</sup> |
| Woodcock <sup>1</sup>                           | Nov. 11 | Dec. 3               | 3               |
|   | Jan. 10 | Jan. 31              |                 |
| Gallinule and Moorhen <sup>1</sup>              | Sept. 1 | Nov. 9               | 15              |
|   | June 11 | July 12 <sup>3</sup> |                 |
| Crow  | Sept. 1 | Sept. 5              | no limit        |
|   | Sept. 9 | Dec. 20 <sup>3</sup> |                 |
|   | Jan. 1  | Feb. 28              |                 |
| Rails (Virginia and Sora) <sup>1</sup>          | Sept. 1 | Nov. 9               | 25              |
| Snipe <sup>1</sup>                              | Nov. 14 | Feb. 28              | 8               |

1. Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit required.

2. No limit on Eurasian collared doves; however, any doves not readily identifiable as Eurasian collared doves will be considered mourning doves and count towards the mourning dove daily bag and possession limits.

3. Hunting allowed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only.

\* The possession limit is three (3) times the daily limit for all migratory game birds, except opening day when it shall be the same as the daily bag limit, and the second day of the season when it shall be twice the daily bag limit, and except for crows which have no limit.

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### Reporting Banded Birds

The USGS Patuxent Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) encourages hunters to report banded birds. Band reports must be submitted through the mobile-friendly website, [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov), by persons in the US and other countries, aside from Canada.

The BBL encourages everyone reporting a band to use [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov). After a report is submitted, the date and location where the bird was originally banded is provided and a Certificate of Appreciation along with additional banding details (date, location of banding) will be sent via email.

Capturing and banding birds requires considerable effort, and documenting recovery or re-sighting of banded birds is essential to profit from that effort. Band recovery data are the basis for improving the conservation and knowledge of bird populations in North America. Please help the BBL and its many partners, by continuing to report your band recoveries.

**To Report Recovered Duck and Goose Bands:** [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov)

### Special Regulations

#### PLUGGED SHOTGUNS

No person shall hunt migratory game birds, except crows, with a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three (3) shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three (3) shells.

#### LEGAL SHOT

All federally approved non-toxic shot (bismuth-tin, steel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth or tungsten-tin-iron-nickel) are legal for waterfowl and sandhill crane hunting. A complete list is available at [www.FWS.gov](http://www.FWS.gov)

Possession or use of any loose shot other than non-toxic shot or any shotgun shells other than non-toxic while hunting waterfowl, sandhill cranes, coots, gallinules, Virginia rails and sora rails is prohibited.

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# SMALL GAME

## HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

### Hunting Seasons

All hunting seasons are closed unless opened by specific Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission proclamations.

Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit, except for migratory game birds and except on opening day. Dogs allowed for hunting all small game species, except on specific WMAs where indicated.

### Dog Training

Training of bird dogs and squirrel dogs is permitted year-round on private lands, during daylight hours only. Training of rabbit dogs is permitted year-round on private lands day and night. The chasing of foxes with hounds is permitted year-round, day and night. A hunting license is required while training dogs except when a person is competing in recognized field trials. When training on a WMA, a small game permit (see page 6) is required. Refer to specific WMA listings for WMA dog training seasons. See page 33 for other bear dog training. The taking of animals during dog training is prohibited.

### Raccoon Dog Training

Year-round except where regulated by Private Acts. The following counties are regulated by Private Acts: DeKalb County is open for year-round training except in the portion lying south and west of State Hwy. 96 and U. S. Hwy. 70 where the training season will open 30 days prior to the hunting season. Refer to specific WMA listings for WMA raccoon dog training seasons. The taking of animals during dog training is prohibited.

### Raccoon and Opossum Hunting

Opossum can be taken during the raccoon hunting season. Night is defined as one 24-hour period beginning at sunset.

**Private Land Season** - Open sunset July 1 through sunrise Sept. 15, 2023. Bag limit is 2 per person per night. WMAs and all other public lands are closed during this period. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton counties and all other Tennessee counties east of those counties.

### Small Game Regulations

| SPECIES   | OPENING DATE    | CLOSING DATE                    | DAILY BAG |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Hunting</b>                                      |                 |                                 |           |
| Squirrel  | Aug. 26         | March 15                        | 10        |
| Spring Squirrel 2024                                | May 11          | June 9                          | 10        |
| Rabbit  | Nov. 4          | Feb. 29                         | 5         |
| Grouse  | Oct. 14         | Feb. 29                         | 3         |
| Quail <sup>5</sup>                                  | Nov. 4          | Feb. 29                         | 6         |
| Beaver  | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Coyote  | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Groundhog   | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Striped Skunk                                       | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Armadillo   | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Fox   | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Mink  | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Muskrat   | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Otter <sup>1</sup>                                  | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Spotted Skunk                                       | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Weasel  | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Raccoon Private Lands Only                          | July 1 Sunset   | Sept. 15 Sunrise                | 2         |
| Raccoon Taking Season                               | Sept. 15 Sunset | March 15                        | 4         |
| Opossum Private Lands Only                          | July 1 Sunset   | Sept. 15 Sunrise                | 2         |
| Opossum Taking Season                               | Sept. 15 Sunset | March 15                        | 4         |
| Bobcat <sup>2</sup> Private Lands Only <sup>4</sup> | Sept. 23        | Nov. 16                         | 1         |
| Bobcat <sup>2</sup>                                 | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | 1         |
| Bullfrog  | year-round      | Except state lakes <sup>3</sup> | 20        |
| <b>Trapping</b>                                     |                 |                                 |           |
| Beaver  | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Coyote  | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Groundhog   | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Opossum   | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Striped Skunk                                       | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Raccoon   | year-round      |                                 | None      |
| Fox   | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Mink  | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Muskrat   | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Otter <sup>1</sup>                                  | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Spotted Skunk                                       | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Weasel  | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |
| Bobcat <sup>2</sup>                                 | Nov. 17         | Feb. 29                         | None      |

1 All river otters harvested must be tagged with Tennessee U. S. CITES tags. Contact your regional TWRA office for instructions.

2 Bobcat pelts must be tagged with Tennessee U.S. CITES tags before being exported from the U. S. Contact your regional TWRA office for instructions.

3 Bullfrog season is June 1–30 on TWRA-managed lakes. Firearms are prohibited, but airguns are permitted. No WMA permit is required.

4 Bobcats may be harvested with firearms, muzzleloader, or archery during deer season including during the young sportsman deer hunts.

5 Quail season is November 4–January 15 on wildlife management areas unless otherwise noted.





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# BIG GAME

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

**Big Game:** Big game animals include deer, turkey, bear, and elk

**Fluorescent Orange:** Hunters must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange (blaze orange), visible front and back while hunting big game except on archery-only and turkey hunts. A hat and vest fulfill requirements. Blaze orange camo is legal if it contains 500 square inches of fluorescent orange. In those areas where the archery-only deer season dates overlap with another big game gun season (i.e., bear) archers are required to wear 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange. Fluorescent orange is required during the August Hunt in Unit CWD.

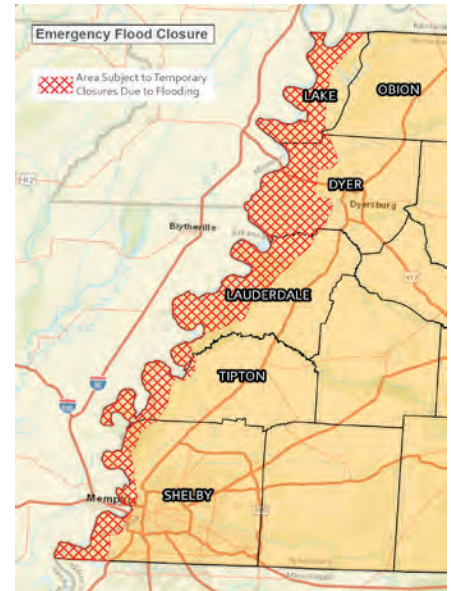
**Field Dressing Big Game:** Evidence of species or sex of big game animals and antlered status (if applicable) must not be destroyed and remain with the animal while afield. Normal field dressing, quartering, and icing down of the meat is permitted. Turkeys must remain intact until tagging and check-in are complete.

**Big Game Found Dead:** All big game found dead should be left where found and do not need to be reported unless someone wants the game for personal use or consumption. Persons wanting to possess big game, except bear, accidentally killed by a motor vehicle for personal use or consumption are required to notify TWRA or a local law enforcement agency within 48 hours. Personal possession of bear accidentally killed by a motor vehicle is only lawful once a TWRA enforcement officer issues a possession tag for it. Reporting of sick deer or deer behaving strangely is not required, but it is encouraged. Reports may be made at [tn.gov/twra/sickdeer](http://tn.gov/twra/sickdeer).

**Any vehicle in which an illegally possessed big game animal is found is subject to confiscation.**

**Albino Deer:** Hunting, trapping or possession of albino deer is prohibited as set forth in TCA 70-4-130. An albino deer is a deer with a lack, or significant deficiency, of pigment in the skin and hair, and has pink eyes.

**Mississippi River Flood Closure:** When the Mississippi River at Caruthersville gauge reaches 34 ft. all big game hunting will close in the Mississippi River Floodwaters Zone (on private and public land) and will remain closed until the Mississippi River drops below 34 ft. at the Caruthersville gauge.



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## BIG GAME CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

**Before moving** your harvested big game, you must either check it in on your smartphone or physically tag the animal and check it in before midnight. These procedures are a requirement for **everyone**, including landowners and those exempt from license requirements.

- Big game must be checked in by midnight on the day of harvest and before being gifted to another person or leaving the state.
- Temporary Transportation Tag must remain affixed to the animal until it is checked in.
- Evidence of the animal's sex, species, and antlered status (if applicable) must remain with the animal while afield and until checked in.
  - » Bears may be whole or field dressed but must weigh 75 lbs. or greater when possessed afield. If bears are quartered or boned out, the total of the meat, hide, etc., must equal or exceed 75lbs.
  - » For elk checking requirements see page 31.

### Where to get temporary transportation tags?

Tags can be found at the bottom of your license, or they can be printed by logging into your account at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com).

### The harvest confirmation number is important!

After check-in, it must be available for inspection by TWRA personnel until time of final processing. It must accompany an animal taken to a taxidermist, meat processor, or gifted to another person.

It is a violation of the law to provide false information during the check-in process. By completing the required check-in information,

whether on paper or electronic form, the hunter is affirming that the information as it appears on the permanent record is valid and correct.

### TWRA ON THE GO - Mobile App

Available in the Apple App store and on Google Play. It stores your license information and allows you to electronically tag/check-in your harvest in the field. You don't need to carry any paper while you're hunting!

The TWRA On The Go app works even when you're out of cell signal range. Just check-in your harvest on location, and a harvest confirmation number will be generated. Your information will be automatically submitted to TWRA when you are back in range of a signal.

## Tagging & Check-in Instructions

### Have the TWRA on the Go mobile app?

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Electronic Tag/Mobile Check-in  
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Tag your harvest in the field using your smartphone by checking it in on the TWRA On the Go app (works even without a signal). Once the app generates a harvest confirmation number, all tagging and check-in requirements are completed.

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#### NO

Temporary Transportation Tag (No phone? No problem)

Fill out a pre-printed paper tag. They are at the bottom of your license and are available by logging in at [GoOutdoorsTN.com](http://GoOutdoorsTN.com). Cut out the tag and attach it to the animal. (Try using a zip-tie and sealable plastic bag). Then, Check-in Your Harvest before midnight on the day of harvest. Check-in one of three ways:

1. Check-in Station: <https://bit.ly/TagBeforeYouDrag>
2. On the Internet
3. Mobile App

(For all three methods, keep record of your harvest confirmation number).  
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# DEER

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### White-tailed Deer Hunting Units

#### Unit A

Unit A includes Bradley, Carter, Hamilton, Hawkins, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, Roane, and Sullivan counties.

#### Unit B

Unit B includes Anderson, Bledsoe, Campbell, Claiborne, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Grundy, Hancock, Jackson, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Scott, Sequatchie, Van Buren, Warren, and White counties.

#### Unit C

Unit C includes Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Jefferson, Unicoi, Union, and Washington counties.

#### Unit D

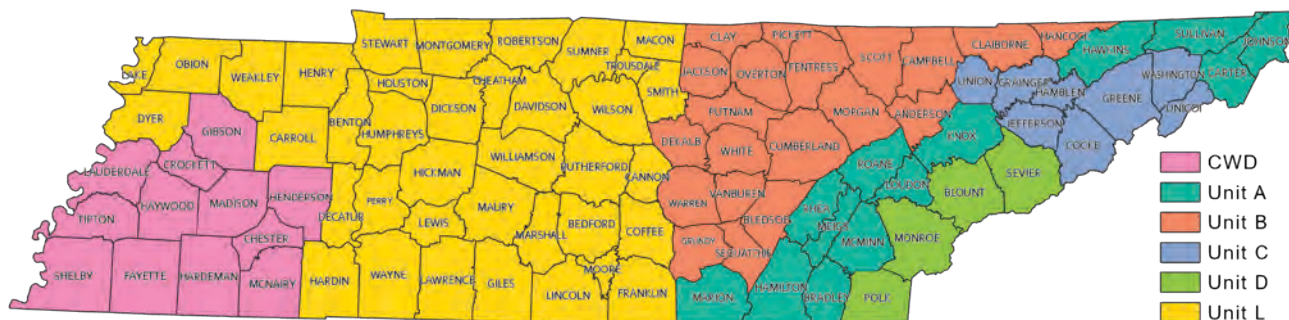
Unit D includes Blount, Monroe, Polk, and Sevier counties.

#### Unit L

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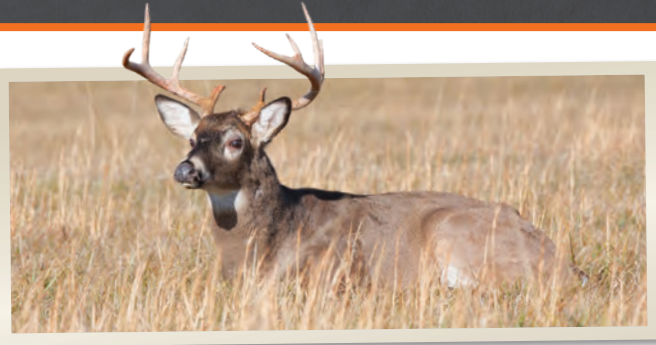
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## Deer Definitions and Bag Limits

**Antlered Deer:** Male or female deer with at least one (1) antler that is a minimum of three (3) inches in length.

**Antlerless Deer:** Male or female deer with no antlers or with antlers that are less than three (3) inches in length.

Antlerless deer hunters may harvest up to the unit antlerless bag limit in each unit. Moving to a different county within the same deer hunting unit does not increase the hunter's bag limit.

Archery equipment is legal during muzzleloader and gun seasons, muzzleloading equipment is legal during gun season.

**Antlered Bag Limit:** Units A, B, C, D, L - Two (2) antlered deer (one per day, not to exceed 2 for the season). The bag limit of two (2) antlered deer may be exceeded if taken as a bonus deer, or if harvested within Unit CWD.

Unit CWD - Three (3) antlered deer (one per day, not to exceed 3 for the season). The bag limit of three (3) may be exceeded if taken under the Earn-A-Buck Program in Unit CWD (see page 30), or if taken as a Replacement Buck (see page 30).



**NEW NEXT SEASON!**

The TWRA is in the process of developing **NEW DEER and TURKEY HUNTING UNITS** for the **2024-25 seasons**. These new units will better account for differences in populations and stakeholder values when setting hunting regulations.

More details to come this fall, with informational public meetings to follow.



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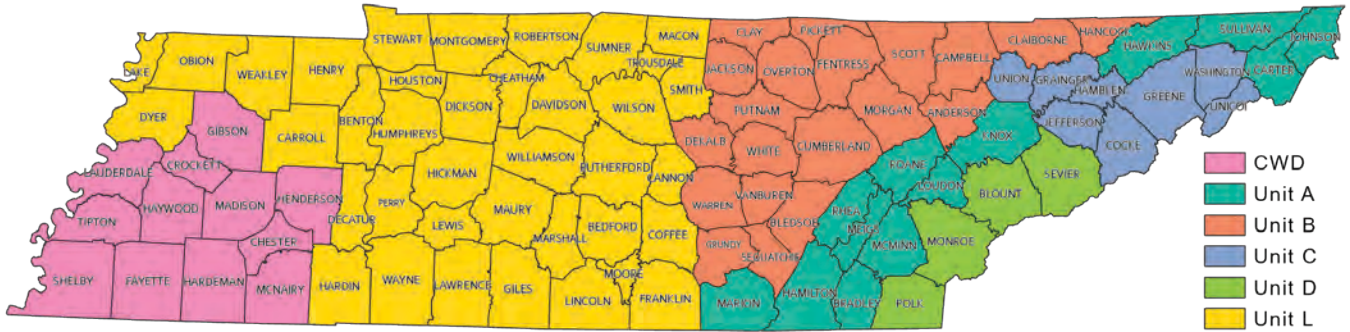


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### Unit A (Antlered Bag Limit 2)

| SEASON TYPE                          | SEASON DATES                        | ANTLERLESS BAG LIMITS  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| August <sup>1</sup>                  | Aug. 25–27                          | Closed                 |
| Archery (A)                          | Sept. 23–Oct. 27 and Oct. 30–Nov. 3 | 4                      |
| Young Sportsman <sup>2</sup> (G/M/A) | Oct. 28–29 and Jan. 13–14           | 2                      |
| Muzzleloader/Archery (M/A)           | Nov. 4–17                           | 2                      |
| Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (G/M/A)     | Nov. 18–Jan. 7                      | 2 deer, Nov. 18–Jan. 7 |

### Unit B (Antlered Bag Limit 2)

| SEASON TYPE                          | SEASON DATES                        | ANTLERLESS BAG LIMITS |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| August <sup>1</sup>                  | Aug. 25–27                          | Closed                |
| Archery (A)                          | Sept. 23–Oct. 27 and Oct. 30–Nov. 3 | 4                     |
| Young Sportsman <sup>2</sup> (G/M/A) | Oct. 28–29 and Jan. 13–14           | 2                     |
| Muzzleloader/Archery (M/A)           | Nov. 4–17                           | 2                     |
| Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (G/M/A)     | Nov. 18–Jan. 7                      | 1 deer Nov. 18–Jan. 7 |

### Unit C (Antlered Bag Limit 2)

| SEASON TYPE                          | SEASON DATES                        | ANTLERLESS BAG LIMITS |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| August <sup>1</sup>                  | Aug. 25–27                          | Closed                |
| Archery (A)                          | Sept. 23–Oct. 27 and Oct. 30–Nov. 3 | 4                     |
| Young Sportsman <sup>2</sup> (G/M/A) | Oct. 28–29 and Jan. 13–14           | 2                     |
| Muzzleloader/Archery (M/A)           | Nov. 4–17                           | 1                     |
| Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (G/M/A)     | Nov. 18–Jan. 7                      | 1 deer Nov. 18–Dec. 3 |

### Unit D (Antlered Bag Limit 2)

| SEASON TYPE                          | SEASON DATES                        | ANTLERLESS BAG LIMITS  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| August <sup>1</sup>                  | Aug. 25–27                          | Closed                 |
| Archery (A)                          | Sept. 23–Oct. 27 and Oct. 30–Nov. 3 | 4                      |
| Young Sportsman <sup>2</sup> (G/M/A) | Oct. 28–29 and Jan. 13–14           | 2                      |
| Muzzleloader/Archery (M/A)           | Nov. 4–17                           | 1                      |
| Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (G/M/A)     | Nov. 18–Jan. 7                      | 1 deer Nov. 18–24 only |

### Unit L (Antlered Bag Limit 2)

| SEASON TYPE  | SEASON DATES                        | ANTLERLESS BAG LIMITS |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| August <sup>1</sup>  | Aug. 25–27                          | Closed                |
| Archery (A)  | Sept. 23–Oct. 27 and Oct. 30–Nov. 3 | 3/day                 |
| Young Sportsman <sup>2</sup> (G/M/A)                         | Oct. 28–29 and Jan. 13–14           | 3/day                 |
| Muzzleloader/Archery (M/A)                                   | Nov. 4–17                           | 3/day                 |
| Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (G/M/A)                             | Nov. 18–Jan. 7                      | 3/day                 |
| Private Lands Only <sup>3</sup> (G/M/A) Antlerless deer only | Jan. 8–12                           | 3/day                 |

### Unit CWD (Antlered Bag Limit 3)

| SEASON TYPE                          | SEASON DATES                   | ANTLERLESS BAG LIMITS |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| August <sup>1</sup>                  | Aug. 25–27                     | Closed                |
| Archery (A)                          | Sept. 23–Oct. 27               | 3/day                 |
| Young Sportsman <sup>2</sup> (G/M/A) | Oct. 28–29 and Jan. 13–14      | 3/day                 |
| Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (G/M/A)     | Oct. 30–Jan. 12 and Jan. 15–31 | 3/day                 |

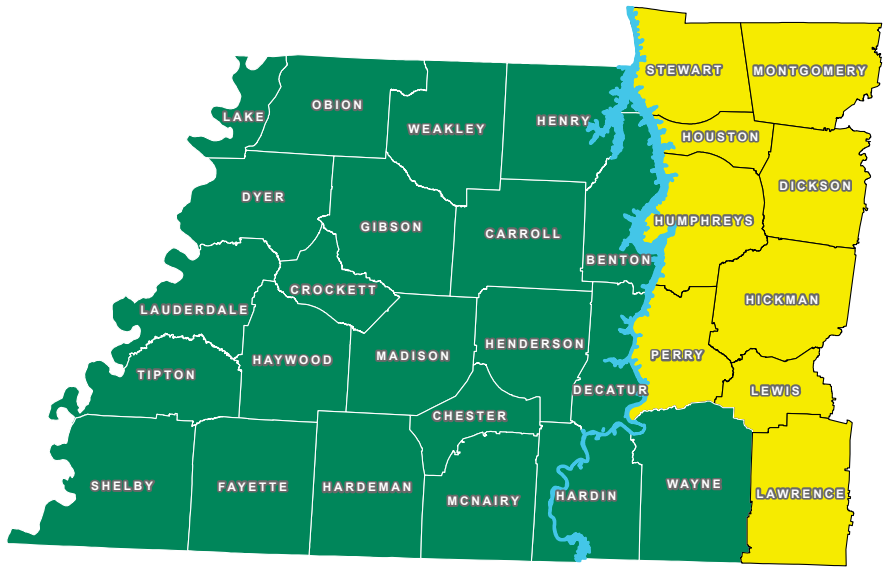
- 1 Private lands only and archery only, except in Unit CWD where guns and muzzleloaders are allowed and select public lands are additionally open for hunting. See Region 1 WMA regulations starting on page 50 to see which public lands are open during this hunt. Fluorescent orange required in Unit CWD.
- 2 Youths 6–16 years of age may participate. Participating youth can use gun, muzzleloader, and archery equipment (G/M/A). Young sportsmen must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single, qualifying adult. Antlerless bag limits for Units A, B, C and D are not to exceed a total of 2 antlerless deer for the four days combined.
- 3 Hunting is allowed on all privately owned lands in Unit L (including leased land and lands owned by individuals). It is the responsibility of all hunters to obtain verbal or written permission to hunt on privately owned lands. No public lands or WMAs are open during this period. No antlered deer may be taken during this period in Unit L.

# CWD IN TENNESSEE

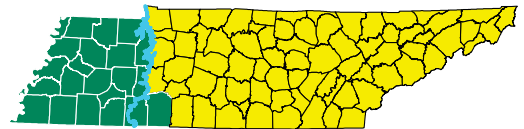
## CWD Management Zone Feeding & Carcass Transport Regulations

These restrictions have been put in place to reduce the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease. Carcass transport restrictions reduce the chance that an infected deer carcass becomes a source of infection in a new area. Wildlife feeding restrictions reduce deer exposure to potential infections in other deer and in areas where deer unnaturally congregate due to supplemental feeding.

Deer carcass transportation and wildlife feeding restrictions apply to the CWD Management Zone. Therefore, if a new county becomes positive (based on CWD test results) these restrictions will automatically apply. Visit [www.cwdintennessee.com](http://www.cwdintennessee.com) for the most up-to-date map of the CWD Management Zone. **All other regulations (e.g., deer hunting unit, season dates, bag limits, etc.) remain the same unless changed by TFWC.**



■ CWD Management Zone  
■ Outside CWD Management Zone  
■ Tennessee River



### Carcass Transport Restrictions

Only approved parts may be moved out of the CWD Management Zone.

- Deer carcasses can move within and between counties in the CWD Management Zone.
- Once a carcass is brought into the CWD Management Zone, it cannot be moved out of the zone.
- Approved parts are free to be transported anywhere statewide.

#### APPROVED PARTS

- Deboned meat
- Antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates, cleaned skulls (where no meat or tissues are attached to the skull)
- Cleaned teeth
- Finished taxidermy and antler products
- Hides and tanned products

#### EXAMPLES OF UNAPPROVED PARTS

- Whole and field-dressed carcasses
- Organs

- Guts
- Uncleaned (meat and/or tissue are present) heads/skulls/skull caps
- Non-muscular tissue

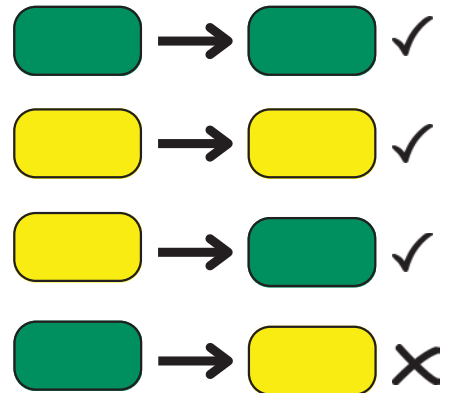
### Feeding Restrictions

Within the CWD Management Zone the placement of grain, salt products, minerals, and other consumable natural and manufactured products is prohibited.

Feeding restrictions do not apply if the feed or minerals are:

- placed within one hundred (100) feet of any residence or occupied building; or
- placed in such a manner to reasonably exclude access by deer; or
- placed as part of a wild hog management effort authorized by the agency; or
- present from normal agricultural practices, normal forest management practices, or crop and wildlife food production practices.

### Transportation Rules for CWD



**TN residents hunting out of state - Only approved parts (i.e., deboned meat, clean skulls, skull plates and teeth, antlers, finished taxidermy, hides, and tanned products) from deer, elk, moose, and caribou may be brought back into TN.**

**Nonresident hunters - Be aware of potential restrictions on taking your TN deer and elk carcasses back to your home state. Check your home state regulations and regulations of those states you travel through to return home.**

# CWD MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

TWRA HAS SEVERAL PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE HUNTERS TO ASSIST WITH CWD MANAGEMENT BY HARVESTING ADDITIONAL DEER AND SUBMITTING THEIR DEER FOR CWD TESTING:

## CWD Replacement Buck

- Hunters will receive a replacement buck if they harvest a CWD positive antlered deer, upon official notice from TWRA.
- There is no limit on the number of replacement bucks.
- Replacement bucks must be harvested in Unit CWD or in the county where the qualifying CWD-positive antlered deer was harvested.
- Replacement bucks must be harvested in the current deer season or during the following year's deer season. The next antlered deer harvested counts as the replacement buck.

## Unit CWD Earn-A-Buck

Unit CWD hunters can earn additional bucks by harvesting antlerless deer and submitting them for CWD testing.

- Tennessee's antlered deer bag limit for Unit CWD is 3. The rest of the state has a 2 buck limit.
- An additional antlered deer is earned for each, and every single antlerless deer harvested in Unit CWD which is submitted for CWD testing.
- Unit CWD hunters may earn an unlimited number of antlered deer for harvest in Unit CWD in addition to the bag limit.
- Earned antlered deer must be harvested in Unit CWD.
- Valid for 2023-24 hunting season only. Earned buck available immediately upon check in and submission for CWD testing.

## Fight CWD Incentive Program

TWRA is helping hunters who harvest CWD-positive deer.

- Hunters who receive a CWD-positive test result for a harvested deer will receive a voucher redeemable for \$75 of processing fees at participating processors.
- Any resident hunter who harvests two or more CWD-positive deer will be given an Annual Sportsman license for the next hunting season.
- If hunter has a lifetime license, the earned license may be gifted to another TN resident.
- If a hunter has an Auto-Renewal Annual Sportsman's License, the earned license may be gifted to another TN resident.



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# ELK HUNTING REGULATIONS

## 2023 Elk Hunting Dates: Sept. 30–Oct. 20

(Permits were drawn Feb. 2023)

During Oct. 7–20, Archery deer hunters must wear blaze orange.

### Incidental Take of Elk

A legal deer hunter may harvest an elk (either sex) incidental to deer hunting on all private and public lands open to deer hunting except for public and private lands located in Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Scott, and Morgan counties and except for Big South Fork River and Recreation Area,

Scott State Forest, and Obed National Scenic River Corridor. Only one elk per year may be harvested incidental to legal deer hunting. Elk harvested via incidental take must be reported to the TWRA on the day of harvest by calling 1-800-831-1174 to allow physical checking by TWRA personnel.

### Special Regulations

1. All elk harvested by elk quota permit holders must be checked in at the North Cumberland WMA office on the day of harvest.
2. The location must be adequately marked so that TWRA employees can identify the harvest site, which can be accomplished by either providing GPS coordinates or accompanying a TWRA employee to the harvest site.
3. Use or possession of electronic radio-tracking equipment is prohibited.
4. Bugling or calling of elk is prohibited within the Elk Hunting Zones during all elk hunts except by permitted hunters and their assistants.

## Elk Quota Hunts - 2024

Elk harvest is regulated by a quota permit system. The application period for the elk quota hunts is Feb 7–28, 2024. Applications available at TWRA license agents and online. Nineteen (19) quota permits will be issued in 2024. Each permit holder will be allocated an Elk Hunt Zone.

One of 19 quota permits will be issued to a qualifying non-profit wildlife conservation organization with all proceeds benefiting the TWRA's Habitat Management Program. The permit will be available

through an online raffle. To purchase tickets for the raffle, visit the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation website at [www.twrf.net](http://www.twrf.net).

Another one of the 19 quota permits will be issued to a resident Young Sportsman, who is able to hunt all open EHZs. A Young Sportsman quota permit holder may hunt any EHZ designated open by the TWRA and private lands in designated open counties.

Elk permits are valid for designated EHZs on North Cumberland WMA and on private lands in Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Mor-

gan and Scott counties. All public land other than North Cumberland WMA is closed to elk hunting. It is the responsibility of elk permit holders to obtain verbal or written permission to hunt on private property. TWRA does not guarantee hunter access on private lands. Landowners are not exempted from this permit requirement and must be drawn for a quota permit to hunt. For legal hunting methods, see page 9.

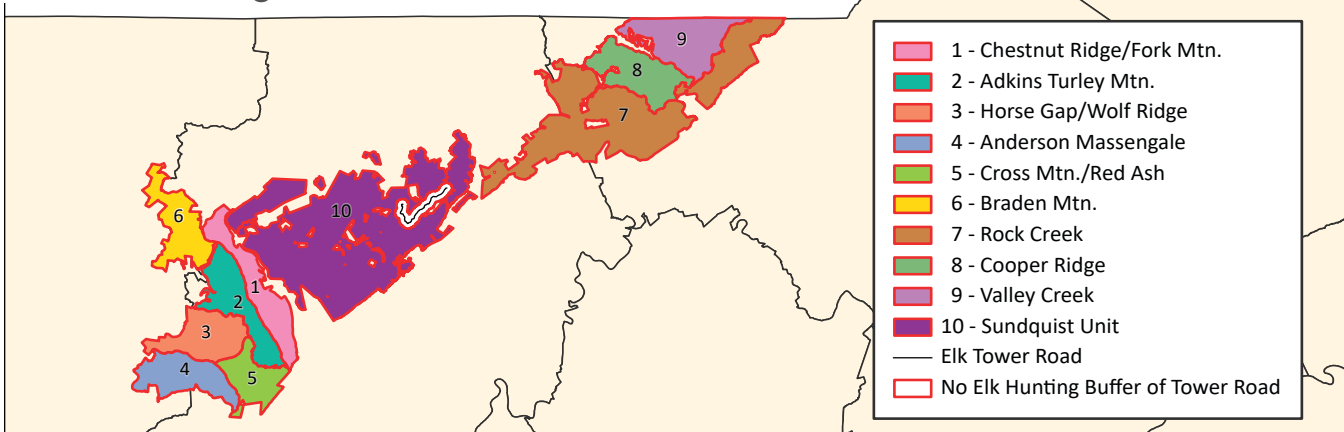
## 2024 Elk Bag Limits, Season Dates, and Quotas

| ARCHERY-ONLY SEASON                | GUN/MUZZLELOADER/ ARCHERY SEASON <sup>a</sup> | YOUNG SPORTSMAN <sup>b</sup> GUN/MUZZLELOADER/ARCHERY SEASON | HUNT AREA <sup>c</sup>                    | BAG LIMIT                 |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|
| Sept. 28–Oct. 4<br>9 Quota Permits | Oct. 5–11<br>9 Quota Permits                  | Oct. 12–18<br>1 Quota Permit                                 | EHZs and Counties designated open by TWRA | 1 antlered elk per permit |

- a The season for the permit issued to non-profit conservation organization is Oct. 5–11, 2024 in EHZ one and private lands in countries opened by TWRA.
- b Resident youths 13–16 may apply for a quota permit. Young sportsmen must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Youth hunters must complete hunter education or purchase the Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption permit (along with other required licenses) to participate in the hunt.
- c EHZs are located on North Cumberland WMA only; all other public land is CLOSED to elk hunting. Hunting on private lands within the following counties is allowed only with landowner permission: Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Morgan and Scott counties.

**Out-of-State Hunters - Be aware of carcass importation restrictions for deer, elk, moose and caribou. [CWDinTennessee.com](http://CWDinTennessee.com)**

## 2024 Elk Hunting Units



# 50 TENNESSEE CELEBRATES Years of Bear Hunting

**Black bear hunting is a time-honored tradition for many Tennesseans. Old-time bear hunters can recall the days when getting to run one bear per year was considered a good season, while now it's common to run several bears each hunting trip.**



While hunters have been chasing bears in Tennessee for well over a half-century, 2023 marks 50 years since the season was reopened after a three-year hiatus. Why was a break in hunting necessary? It's hard to discuss bear hunting without a look into bear management, so let's take a walk down memory lane.

Once found from Memphis to Mountain City, black bears were reduced to the remote mountainous areas of east Tennessee following the chestnut blight, land use changes, persecution, and unregulated harvest. Were it not for the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) and the Cherokee National Forest (CNF) in the 30s, bears might have been eradicated from the state. The establishment of the Tennessee Game and Fish Commission (TGFC) in 1949 created stricter hunting laws but the population was continuing to diminish. The earliest Tennessee bear harvest on record was in 1951 when hunters reported harvesting 29 bears, while the lowest recorded harvest was 7 bears in 1962. It's been said that by the end of the decade, it's believed there were as few as 50 bears within GSMNP borders. The TGFC closed bear hunting from 1970–1972 hoping the population would recover but when the season resumed in 1973, only 16 bears were harvested.



## A Three-Piece Puzzle

Today's bear biologists credit a three-pronged approach to population recovery: 1) The need to reduce poaching, 2) The need to protect female bears and, 3) The need to provide sanctuaries. Bears are a shared resource prompting Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia to form the Tri-State Black Bear Study Group in 1976. The group continues to meet to discuss regional bear issues and has evolved into the Southern Appalachian Black Bear Study Group adding Kentucky, South Carolina, and Virginia. Their early work involved focusing on strategies to address the three-pronged approach.

To rectify poaching, "Operation Smoky," the largest undercover bear-hunting sting in history, was carried out in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia in the 80s. Forty-three individuals were charged with 130 state and federal violations involving poaching and the selling of bear parts. To better protect female bears, hunting seasons were moved later in the year to favor the harvest towards males as sow bears typically den earlier than boars. The third focus involved the establishment of black bear reserves within the CNF to provide source populations of breeding sows. Combining reserves with the Tennessee portion of the GSMNP equals over 450,000 acres where bears are protected in the state.



## Where Are We Now?

These efforts have produced a continuously growing Tennessee black bear population now estimated at 6,500 individuals and a record harvest of 782 being taken in 2018. The GSMNP continues to harbor multitudes of black bears with a population estimated at 1,900 residing within the park's 800 sq. mi. boundary. This equates to over two bears per square mile, one of the highest black bear densities in the world. Bears are protected inside the park, but the surplus population often leaves park boundaries providing hunting opportunities in surrounding areas. Hunting bears with hounds is the traditional method, but still-hunting has seen a recent surge with expanded archery hunting opportunities in new places including a transitional zone, as well as the Cumberland Plateau, making bear hunting legal in about 1/3 of the state. The Cumberland Plateau now boasts an estimated population of about 500 bears. While the harvest is low across most of this area, biologists say the population is growing 18–20% every year.

## Headed West!

Bears aren't just reserved for the mountains of East Tennessee anymore. TWRA has received reports of bears near Nashville and Memphis in recent years, which has certainly made news headlines. Will the population recover to the point that hunting seasons may be expanded further west? Time will only tell but either way, bear education will be a priority for TWRA. Our main focus as bears recolonize their former range is to educate the public on how to live responsibly with them. The fate of bears now will revolve around how humans deal with bear conflicts. It's truly in all of our hands. Visit [BearWise.org](http://BearWise.org) to learn more.

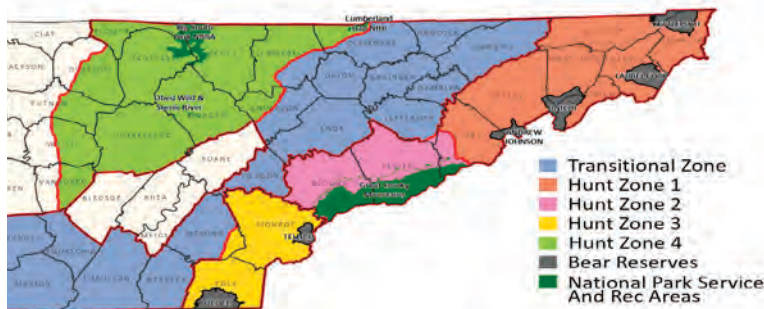


Bear Reserves, Mt. Roosevelt WMA, State Parks, Scott State Forest, National Parks and Recreation Areas are closed to bear hunting unless otherwise stated.

# BEAR

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### 2023 Bear Hunt Zones (BHZ) and Seasons (See WMA Section for Bear Seasons)



#### BHZ1:

Carter, Cocke (North of I-40), Greene, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties.

#### BHZ2:

Blount, Cocke (South of I-40), Jefferson (East of Hwy 411), and Sevier counties.

#### BHZ3:

McMinn (East of Hwy 411), Monroe, and Polk counties, excluding South Cherokee WMA.

#### BHZ4:

Anderson (west of I-75 and north of Old Lake City Hwy and north of Dutch Valley Rd.), Campbell (north of Hwy 63 and west of I-75), Claiborne (west of 25E and north of Hwy 63), Cumberland, Fentress, Morgan, Overton (east of Hwy 111), Pickett, Putnam (east of Hwy 111), Scott, Van Buren (east of Hwy 111), and White (east of Hwy 111) counties.

#### Transitional:

Anderson (east of I-75 and south of Old Lake City Hwy and south of Dutch Valley Rd.), Bradley, Campbell (south of Hwy 63 and east of I-75), Claiborne (east of 25E and south of Hwy 63), Grundy, Marion, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hawkins, Grainger, Jefferson (west of Hwy 411), Knox, Loudon, McMinn (West of Hwy 411), Sevier, and Union counties.

### Bear Seasons

| HUNT TYPE                                    | BHZ 1            | BHZ 2            | BHZ 3            | BHZ 4            | TRANSITIONAL     |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Young Sportsman* G/M/A (No Dogs Permitted)   | Oct. 28–29       | Oct. 28–29       | Oct. 28–29       |                  | Closed           |
| Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (Dogs Allowed)      | Segment 1        | Oct. 7–9         | Oct. 7–10        | Sept. 30–Oct. 1  | Closed           |
|  |                  | Oct. 14–15       | Oct. 13–15       | Oct. 7–13        |                  |
|  | Segment 2        | Nov. 6–13        | Oct. 30–Nov. 3   | Oct. 30–Nov. 3   |                  |
|  | Segment 3        | Nov. 27–Dec. 13  | Nov. 27–Dec. 21  | Nov. 27–Dec. 10  |                  |
| Segment 4                                    | Closed           | Closed           | Dec. 28–31       |                  |                  |
| Archery (No Dogs Permitted)                  | Sept. 23–Oct. 20 | Sept. 23–Oct. 20 | Sept. 23–Oct. 20 | Sept. 23–Oct. 20 | Sept. 23–Oct. 20 |
| Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (No Dogs Permitted) | Nov. 18–21       | Nov. 18–21       | Nov. 18–21       |                  | Closed           |

\* Youths 6–16 years of age may participate. Young sportsmen must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult.

## Bear Season Regulations Legal Hunting Equipment

- **Bear limit:** One (1) bear either sex per year.
- The bear bag limit for any person participating in the statewide or Bear Party-Dog hunt or both shall not exceed one bear per license year. This bear may be either sex.
- Cubs or female bears with cubs at side may not be taken at any time. A cub is defined as a bear weighing 75 pounds or less.
- Bears may be whole or field dressed but must weigh 75 pounds or greater when checked in.
- If bears are quartered or boned out, the total of the meat, hide, etc. must equal or exceed 75 pounds.

See page 9.

**Taking Wild Hogs During Bear Dog Hunts:** Individuals licensed to hunt bears may take wild hogs during any proclaimed bear dog hunt.

### Bear Dog Training Season

The following areas are open for a bear dog training season during daylight hours only. No bears may be taken or attempted to be taken. (Bear reserves closed to dog training):

- **BHZ1 and BHZ2:** Aug. 19–Sept. 24
- **BHZ3:** Sept. 6–15
- **BHZ4 and Transitional:** Closed.
- **North Cherokee:** Sept. 5–30
- **South Cherokee:** Sept. 6–15

## Restricted Bear Reserve Hunt

**Open area:** Private property located within the proclaimed boundaries of the Kettlefoot and Laurel Fork Bear Reserves. September 16–22. Archery, Muzzleloader, Gun, Dogs allowed. One bear either sex. Does not count toward statewide bag limit. Electronic check permitted.

**ATTENTION BEAR HUNTERS**

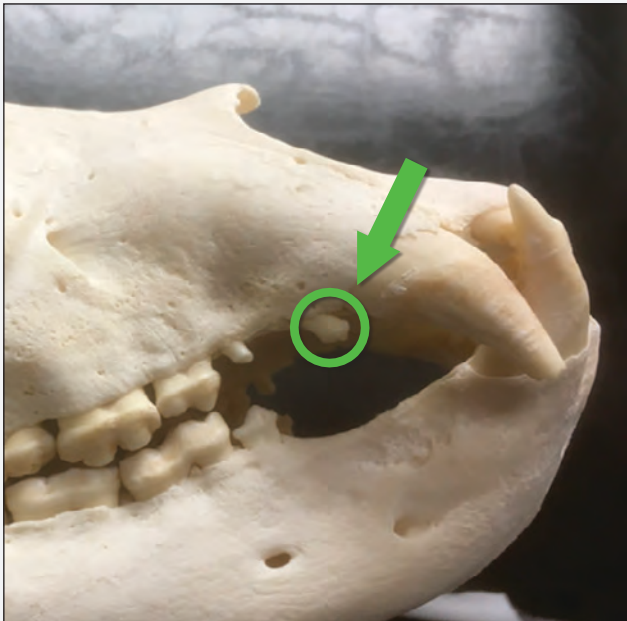
**It is now MANDATORY that a tooth sample from harvested bears be submitted.**

**WHY SHOULD I SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION?**

Bear hunting seasons are now established in 37 counties with Bear Hunt Zone Seasons running anywhere from 28 to 66 days. These long seasons and electronic check in make it impossible for Agency personnel to physically collect enough teeth from harvested bears to monitor population and harvest trends.

**HOW DO I COLLECT A TOOTH?**

The upper premolar is the tooth behind the canine (see photo). Using a knife or screwdriver, push the gum line toward the top of the head exposing more of the tooth. Loosen the tooth with the knife or screwdriver using the canine for leverage. This is an important step, trying to immediately pull with pliers usually results in a broken tooth. Once loose, use pliers to finish the job. Note: the entire tooth, roots included, is needed. View an instructional video on how to correctly remove and submit a bear tooth at <https://youtu.be/gbq3P2AIY6I>



**Note: Collect both premolars and save 1 in case your first submission is lost in the mail.**

**SUBMITTING THE TOOTH**

Once you have collected the tooth, fill out the form below and attach it and the tooth to an index card (or similar). Note: This is an important step that reduces the number of teeth that are lost in the mail due to sorting. Drop it in an envelope and send to:

**TWRA Bear Data Collection  
3030 Wildlife Way  
Morristown, TN 37814**

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**Harvest/Biological Information**

Hunter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TWRA ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Harvest: \_\_\_\_\_

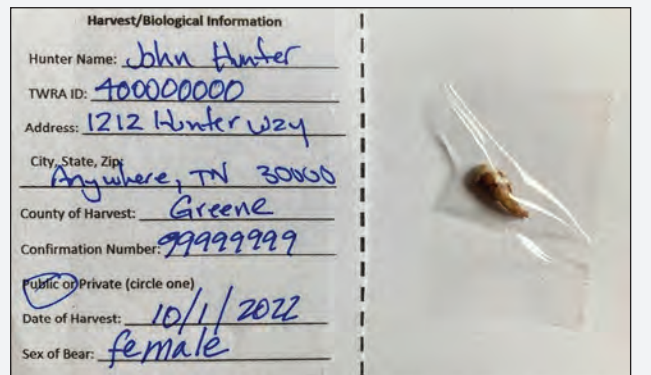
Confirmation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Public or Private (circle one)

Date of Harvest: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex of Bear: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Example Submission with tooth taped to notecard.**

**DEADLINE**

**ALL TOOTH SAMPLES MUST BE SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED BY FEB. 15 FOLLOWING HARVEST OF THE BEAR.**

Check the TWRA website for additional options.

# WILD HOG

## REGULATIONS

Wild hogs are invasive exotic animals that cause extensive damage to crops and wildlife habitat, contribute to erosion and water pollution, and carry diseases harmful to livestock and humans.

In Tennessee, they are classified as a species deemed destructive and it is illegal to possess, transport, or release live wild hogs.

### Private Land Control

Landowners have these options on their private properties:

- Shoot wild hogs without limit, year-round, during the day, with any weapon and ammunition legal for taking big and small game.
- Trap with bait outside of big game seasons.
- Obtain a landowner wild hog exemption from their TWRA regional office. It allows extra methods of take like using a spotlight at night and allows family members and tenants that qualify under the Farmland Owner License Exemption (page 8) and up to ten additional designees to help with control efforts. For properties over 1,000 acres, an additional designee per 100 acres may be assigned. Landowners are required to report take at the end of each year for annual exemption renewal.
- Acquire technical assistance by contacting USDA Wildlife Services at 615-736-5506 or a regional TWRA office.

**Bear hunters** - Individuals licensed to hunt bears may take wild hogs during scheduled bear hunts where dogs are allowed.

### Public Land Control

Wild hogs can only be taken on designated public areas, summarized below. Refer to specific regulations for individual WMAs for more details.

**WANTED**

Information leading to the conviction of persons dealing in the sale, illegal transportation and/or stocking of wild hogs.

**A reward of up to \$3500**

will be given to individuals that provide information that leads to the conviction of persons involved in the sale, illegal transportation and/or stocking of wild hogs.

**Contact**  
**629-255-6125**

You may remain anonymous and collect reward money.

Reward made possible by contributions from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, and the Tennessee Ornithological Society.

### Public Land Control

| REGION                        | CONTROL METHOD   | PUBLIC LAND   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Region 1 - West TN            | During deer season by licensed deer hunters                              | Meemen-Shelby State Park<br>Big Hill Pond State Park (portion south of the railroad tracks)   |
| Region 3 - Cumberland Plateau | During any deer hunt by licensed deer hunters                            | Alpine Mountain WMA<br>Bridgestone-Firestone WMA<br>Skinner Mountain WMA<br>South Cherokee WMA<br>Standing Stone State Forest<br>Tellico Lake WMA |
|                               | Two 5-day control seasons, use of dogs permitted                         | Catoosa WMA   |
| Region 3 and 4                | With a special permit during deer season and Jan.–Feb. small game season | Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area   |
| Region 4 - East TN            | During any big game hunt by licensed big game hunters                    | North Cherokee WMA  |
|                               | During any deer or turkey hunt by licensed big game hunters              | Kyker Bottoms WMA   |
|                               | During any big or small game hunt by licensed hunters                    | Foothills WMA<br>North Cumberland WMA   |

# TURKEY

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### General Regulations

#### Hunting Hours

Thirty minutes before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

#### Legal Hunting Equipment

- Shotguns using ammunition with No. 4 shot or smaller. No restriction on number of rounds in the magazine.
- Archery equipment (longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows).
- Sighting devices including scopes are legal. Night vision, infrared, and other devices using artificial light to locate wildlife are illegal.
- A pre-charged pneumatic gun (airbow) which shoots an arrow is legal for all hunters to use during statewide turkey gun seasons.

#### Prohibited Acts (see page 9 for more details)

Baiting, possessing rifles, using handguns, possessing or using electronic calls, using live decoys, and loaded ammunition larger than No. 4 shot are prohibited. Turkeys may not be shot or stalked from a boat in Dyer, Haywood, Lauderdale, Obion, Shelby or Tipton counties.

#### Special Regulations

- A licensed turkey hunter who has filled his/her bag limit or does not possess a valid permit for a quota hunt, may accompany another turkey hunter who has a valid permit (except on WMAs where prohibited) and assist them in calling, but may not have turkey hunting weapons in their possession.
- On a Young Sportsman Hunt, youths must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and is not required to have a license. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult.
- Turkeys must remain intact while afield until checked in.
- All turkeys harvested on public land hunts count toward statewide bag limits. There are no bonus turkeys (see WMA section for details).
- **Fanning or reaping turkeys on WMAs is prohibited. See page 40.**

#### Wildlife Management Areas

- Many WMAs are open with statewide seasons and bag limits, though some have restricted dates or quota hunts (see WMA section for details).
- Calling or attempting to call turkeys using any means to mimic the sounds made by turkeys is prohibited from March 1 to opening day of spring turkey hunts on all WMAs.
- WMA spring turkey quota hunt application period is from Dec. 20, 2023–Jan. 10, 2024.

### Fall Turkey

Open in all counties, **except** Bledsoe, Bradley, Crockett, Dyer, Giles, Haywood, Lake, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lincoln, Loudon, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Shelby, Tipton, Unicoi, and Wayne counties are closed.

During the fall turkey season, a turkey hunter may not be in possession of both archery equipment and shotguns and/or rifles. Any turkey harvested during the fall season counts toward the county bag limit of one (1). Hunters may hunt in any county they have not filled their fall bag limit.

#### Archery

Sept. 23–Oct. 27 and Oct 30–Nov. 3, 2023 (same as deer archery-only season)

#### Shotgun/Archery

Oct. 14–27, 2023

#### Fall Turkey Bag Limit

One (1) bearded turkey per county.

### Spring Turkey

All counties are open to spring turkey seasons, however there are some exceptions on public land (see WMA section for details).

#### Statewide

Young Sportsman<sup>1</sup>: April 6–7, 2024

Shotgun/Archery: April 13–May 26, 2024

#### Spring Turkey Bag Limit

One (1) bearded turkey per day, not to exceed two (2) per season, only one can be a jake. An adult gobbler is defined by having one of the following: wing feathers have white barring all the way to the tip, tail feathers are the same length, beard is longer than 6 inches, or a spur is at least 1/2 inch long.

<sup>1</sup>Any turkey harvested during the Young Sportsman Hunt counts toward the statewide spring season limit of two (2).



## ATTENTION

### Identifying Adult Gobblers

An adult gobbler has at least one of the following:

1. The beard is longer than 6 inches.
2. Tail feathers are the same length.
3. A spur is at least 1/2 in long.
4. Wing feathers have white barring all the way to the tip.



| ADULT GOBBLER  | JAKE<br>(ONLY ONE PER SEASON)              |
|--|--|
|  |  |
|  |  |
| <p>Check the two outermost primary wing feathers</p> | <p>Two outermost primary wing feathers</p> |

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# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

There are over 100 WMAs and refuges across Tennessee managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Varying in size from 53 to 625,000 acres, all WMAs are available to the public for various outdoor activities, although certain regulations do apply.

On WMAs open with statewide seasons, the season dates, bag limits, weapon types, and ammunition types that pertain to the county where the WMA is located apply to that WMA except special regulations listed specifically for those WMAs still apply.

## General Regulations

### Prohibited Acts

Acts of disorderly, obnoxious or boisterous conduct, including acts which interfere with the orderly process of hunting, are prohibited. Violators shall be removed from the area and/or prosecuted.

**Alcoholic beverages:** Possession of any alcoholic beverage, narcotic drug, barbiturate or marijuana while hunting within the management area is

prohibited. No individual may be under the influence of these substances at any time while within a management area. The use of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited on these areas year round: Catoosa, Cheatham, Chuck Swan, Forks of the River, Laurel Hill, Pea Ridge and Prentice Cooper, except in designated camping areas.

**Bag limits:** Statewide bag and possession limits apply unless special exception is indicated.

**Baiting:** The placement or depositing of any type of food to feed or attract wildlife on WMAs is prohibited.

**Dog training:** Year round unless otherwise indicated.

**Firearms:** Persons may possess handguns in addition to legal weapons used for hunting the entire year while on the premises of any TWRA refuge, public hunting area, state owned wildlife management area or, to the extent permitted by federal law, national forest land maintained by the state, and private land. For other federally managed properties hunters should contact that specific

facility or location. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize a person to use any handgun to hunt unless such person is in full compliance with all wildlife laws, rules and regulations.

**Horses** permitted on roads and trails open to motorized traffic and other trails or routes established for their use, except as otherwise indicated. Riding off roads into fields, woods or on foot trails is prohibited unless otherwise provided.

**Access Hours: Hunters** (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter prior to two (2) hours before sunrise and must be out of the area by one (1) hour after sunset or legal closing time. Raccoon and opossum hunters must be out of the area one (1) hour after sunrise, except on the Cherokee Wildlife Management Area. Public access is prohibited on Barkley-Unit 1, Beech River WMA, Big Sandy, Bogota (Pool 1), Camden Units 1 and 2, Chickamauga (Shelton Bottoms, Mud Creek, New Bethal, Moss Island, Cottonport, Washington Ferry, Goodfield Creek, Gillespie Bend, Agency Creek, Ledford Island, Sugar Creek, South Mouse Creek Units), Gooch WMA (Unit E), Hiwassee Refuge, Horns Bluff Refuge, Lick Creek Bottoms (Region IV), South Fork Refuge, Thorny Cypress WMA (Pools 10, 11, 12), Three Rivers WMA (East and West Units), Tigrett WMA, West Sandy, and White Oak WMA from two hours after legal waterfowl shooting has ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during late duck season(s).

**Hunting near private dwellings:** It is unlawful to hunt, shoot at, chase or kill with or without dogs any wild animal, wild birds or waterfowl on **public lands and waters** within 100 yards of a visible dwelling house, without the owner's permission, whether or not such a dwelling is on public or private lands.

**Litter:** No litter or sewage may be deposited in the area.

**Motorized vehicles:** All motorized vehicles must be muffler equipped to suppress noise and be spark-arrestor equipped to prevent fires. Operation of motorized vehicles is confined to roads not designated as closed. Off-road vehicles are restricted to roads open to other motorized traffic (except where prohibited by state or federal statute) and designated trails only. ORVs may be operated during daylight hours and at other times when participating in authorized activities. Driving off roads into woods, fields or utility right-of-ways is prohibited for all motorized vehicles. Motorized vehicles may be prohibited on any agency-owned wildlife management area if deemed necessary to protect wildlife, vegetation and/or property. Some exceptions apply.

## ATTENTION

### Summer feeding of deer could be hurting turkeys. Consider abstaining from summer wildlife feeding.

We all are aware that wild turkey numbers have been in decline across the Southeast US. Research has confirmed that declining populations are primarily due to poor reproduction and recruitment, not overharvest. Supplemental feeding of wildlife, which has grown as a common practice in Tennessee and elsewhere, may be contributing to these declines. Wildlife managers are concerned that corn put out for deer, especially during the summer, is hurting turkey numbers. A fungus called *Aspergillus flavus* grows in feed exposed to hot, humid conditions. This fungus produces toxins, known as aflatoxins, that are highly toxic to game birds, especially turkey poults and quail. New research has shown that in the summer, aflatoxin levels in feed can reach deadly levels to wild turkeys after only a few days (read the full report at: <https://doi.org/10.7589/JWD-D-21-00052>).

**Besides the risk of aflatoxin poisoning, other consequences to wild turkeys from feeding wildlife may include:**

- Boosting population numbers of small mammal nest predators;
- Concentrating nest predators near nesting sites and brooding cover which may lead to higher predation rates;
- Unnaturally concentrating game animals (e.g., deer and turkeys) which increases the chances of disease outbreaks and spread.

Please consider these potential unintended consequences as you make decisions about wildlife feeding, especially during the hot, humid summer months. Contact Regional offices with questions.

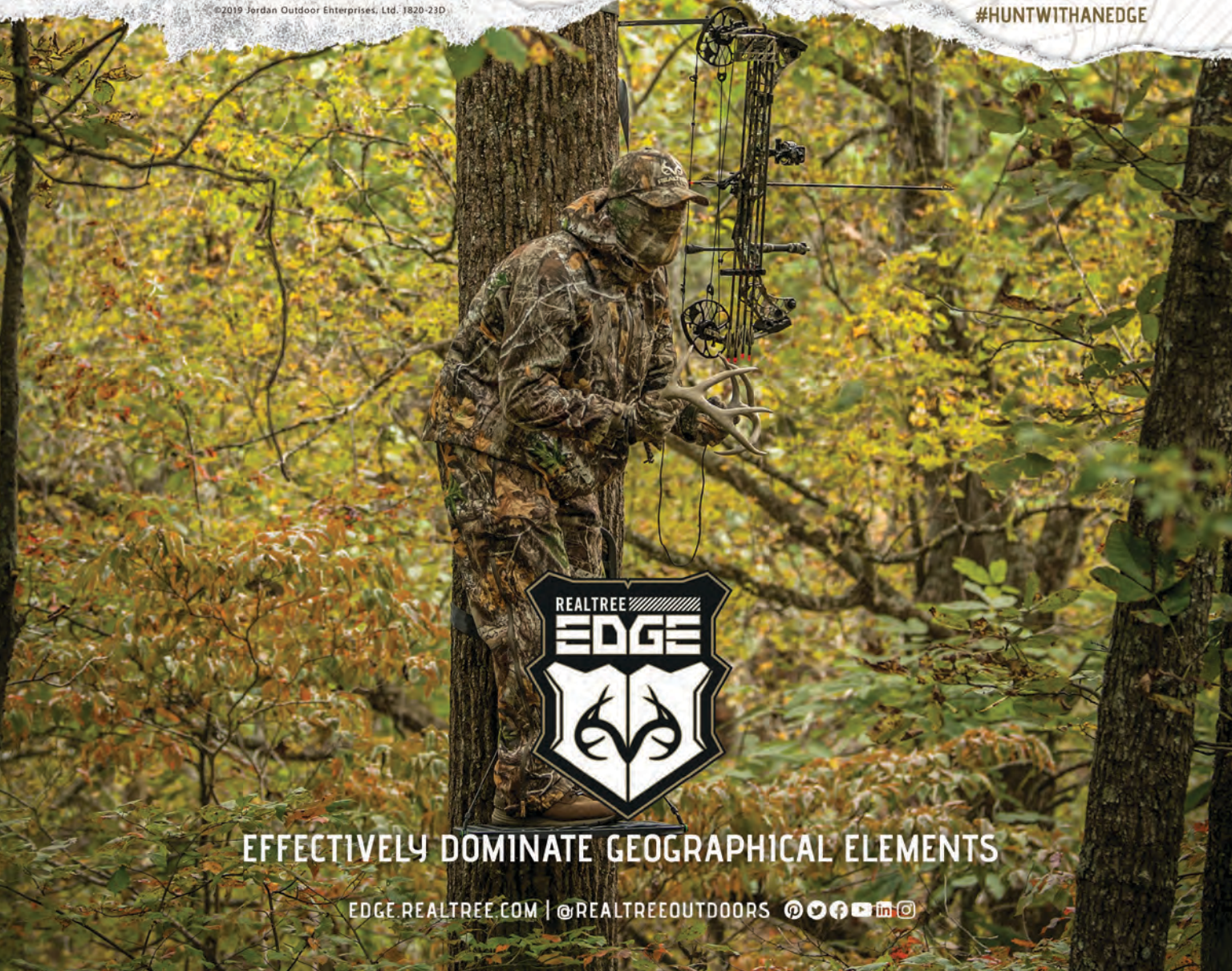




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**No person shall damage or remove** any trees or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod from any wildlife management area or other Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency-controlled lands without specific authorization.

**No species of wildlife** may be harassed except those authorized to be harvested and no animal killed shall be dismembered to the extent that its species and sex cannot be identified before checking out of the area.

**Access to all caves** on agency controlled lands is closed except to authorized personnel only, unless designated differently through signage or agency brochures.

**Overnight camping** may be permitted on designated areas by permission from area manager, park ranger, lake manager, park superintendent or national forest supervisor. Such camping

is subject to the limitation prescribed in the permit, if required. Camping shall not exceed three (3) weeks in length from the beginning to the end of the camping stay. Owners contact information (name, phone number, address) or TWRA ID number and date of arrival must be displayed on camper, tent, vehicle, etc. at all times. On areas where overnight camping is allowed, firearms and archery equipment must remain in camp except during legal hunting hours.

**Pen-raised game birds:** The release of pen-raised game birds on WMAs is prohibited unless otherwise specified.

**Safety zones:** Hunting is prohibited in safety zones except where provided.

**Target practice is prohibited** except on designated ranges.

**Unauthorized persons are prohibited** from being in the area during big game hunts except when

indicated. Unauthorized persons are prohibited from being in the wildlife management area during managed turkey hunts, except on the Cherokee, North Cumberland, and Tellico Lake wildlife management areas. Only persons having valid turkey hunt permits for the hunt date are authorized to be on the management area. *Exception: A licensed turkey hunter, who has filled their bag limit or does not possess a valid permit for a quota hunt, may accompany another turkey hunter (except on Oak Ridge WMA) and assist him/her in calling, but may not have a gun or bow in his/her possession.*

**Fanning or reaping wild turkeys:** On WMA lands, the practice of fanning or reaping is prohibited. Fanning/reaping is defined as hunting or stalking wild turkeys while holding or using for hunter concealment any of the following items: a tail fan, a partial or full decoy with a tail fan, or a tail fan mounted to a firearm. Tail fans include those made of real or synthetic

## QUOTA HUNTS

### WHAT EXACTLY IS A QUOTA HUNT?

TWRA realizes that on some WMAs, the number of hunters must be limited to increase hunter satisfaction and so there will not be a major impact on wildlife. In these areas, the agency uses a quota hunt system, limiting the number of permits.

### WHAT TYPES OF QUOTA HUNTS ARE THERE?

Bear, deer, elk, sandhill crane, turkey and waterfowl hunts.

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR A QUOTA HUNT?

You may apply online at <https://quotahunt.gooutdoorstennessee.com> via the TWRA mobile app, at a TWRA Regional Office or at any TWRA License Agent.

### WHAT IS "PRIORITY"?

Tennessee has a priority point system in place for several of its quota hunts. An applicant is awarded one point for each year they apply and are not drawn, i.e., WMA Big Game, Spring Turkey WMA, etc. Applicants with the highest priority are more likely to be drawn first.

### PRIORITY FACTS:

- If applicants in a party have varying priority points, the points will be averaged, except for Early, Mid, and Late WMA Waterfowl hunts, where the party will assume the point status of the highest priority in the party.
- Each applicant's priority is individual; it is only in the drawing that an applicant's party priority is considered. When a party is unsuccessful, each applicant's actual current priority points balance will increase by one point.
- Priority points only apply to the hunt category in which they were earned, i.e., WMA Big Game, Spring Turkey Waterfowl, etc.
- When a person is drawn for a hunt, their priority points will be reset to "0" the following year.
- Spring Turkey WMA: No limit.
- Youth Spring Turkey WMA: No limit

- Elk and Youth Elk: No priority. An applicant successfully drawn may not reapply for 10 years.
- WMA Big Game: No limit.
- Youth WMA Big Game: No limit.
- Cherokee Bear Hunts: No priority.
- WMA Season Long Waterfowl: No priority.
- WMA Early Season Waterfowl: No limit.
- WMA Mid-Season Waterfowl: No limit.
- WMA Late Season Waterfowl: No limit.
- Sandhill Crane: No limit. .

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO APPLY?

A \$12 non-refundable application fee is required for each drawing requested, except individuals possessing a valid Annual, Lifetime or Senior Sportsman License.

**Example:** The "Maximum Awarded Permits" for WMA Big Game is two, meaning two drawings are held for the same pool of applicants. You may choose to enter one drawing, you will only be eligible for one permit and the cost will be \$12.00, plus any applicable fees. If you enter two drawings, you will be eligible for two permits and the cost will be \$24.00, plus any fees. You must choose the number of drawings, party information and hunt choices on one application.

### WMA QUOTA HUNT APPLICATION PERIODS

- WMA Big Game: June 14–July 26, 2023
- WMA Waterfowl (All periods): See Page 44
- Sandhill Crane: Sept. 6–Sept. 20, 2023
- WMA Spring Turkey: Dec. 20, 2023–Jan 10, 2024

**Any questions regarding Quota Hunts, please call (615) 781-6621.**

feathers or an image or likeness of a tail fan applied to any material.

**Calling or attempting to call wild turkeys** using any sound that mimics those made by a wild turkey is prohibited from March 1 to the opening day of the spring turkey hunts on all WMAs.

**Wanton waste:** Hunters are required to retrieve all crippled or dead game, if possible, and are prohibited from disposing of dead wildlife on WMAs.

**Wheelchair-bound hunts:** Zones, or blinds are open to hunters who are totally and permanently confined to a wheelchair as certified by a physician. On wheelchair-bound big game hunts, each wheelchair-bound hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunting assistant (age 16 years or older), except on Cordell Hull WMA where the assistant may also participate in hunting. On wheelchair-bound waterfowl hunts, each wheelchair-bound hunter must be accompanied by at least one, but not more than three assistants (at least one of whom must be age 16 years or older), who may also participate in hunting.

## Big Game Hunting on WMAs

**Permits:** WMAs with a “BG” after the name require a *Big Game WMA Permit* in order to hunt big game, in addition to the regular hunting and big game licenses. There are two types of big game WMA permits for all WMAs depending upon the hunt: *Quota* and *Annual Non-quota WMA Big Game*. *Quota Permits* must be obtained by application to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and are allocated based upon a computer random drawing. *Annual Non-quota WMA Big Game Permits*, or *Annual Senior Citizen Sportsman Permits* are available at all license agents and offices of the TWRA and are valid for all non-quota big game hunts, including the Cherokee WMA, for the entire license year. Lifetime Sportsman and Sportsman License holders do not need to purchase the non-quota permit, and may apply for quota permits at no charge.

**On the Cherokee WMA,** a WMA Non-quota Big Game Permit, Cherokee WMA Big Game Non-quota, or an Annual Senior Citizen Sportsman Permit is required to hunt big game and is valid for all non-quota Cherokee WMA big game hunts. Cherokee WMA Big Game Non-quota permits are not valid for any other WMA.

**Cherokee party dog hunts:** Applications are online at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) Application dates are June 14–July 26 2023.

**WMA permits are not transferable.**

**Youths hunting big game on a WMA:** Proof of hunter education certificate is required for youths 10 years of age and older. An appropriate hunting license is also required for youths 13

years of age and older. All youths, age 6–16, are required to have a WMA Non-quota Big Game Permit or a quota permit where applicable, unless they are hunting with a Lifetime License. Youths age 6–16 may also apply for WMA quota hunts. Youths age 6–16 must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device, who is not required to have a license (if not hunting) but must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange.

**Young Sportsman’s Hunts:** Young Sportsman’s deer hunts are for youths age 6–16 unless otherwise noted. Proper licenses and permits required. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 21 years of age or older. Both adult and youth must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange.

**WMA Big Game Quota Hunts:** Deadline for applications is midnight July 26, 2023.

**Muzzleloading firearms** are legal on all gun hunts except where indicated under the individual WMA listings.

**Antlered and Antlerless Defined:** Deer taken on antlered deer only hunts must be male or female with antler protruding three (3) inches above the hairline unless otherwise specified. Antlerless deer are defined as those deer with less than three (3) inches of antler protruding above the hairline.

**Big Game Check-In Procedures:** See page 25.

**Treestands:** The use of wire, nails or other metal material is prohibited in the building or attaching of climbing devices or hunting stands. Portable devices or stands that do not injure trees can be used. Hunting from permanent, attached stands is prohibited. Leaving any personal property, including treestands, unattended for more than 24 hours is prohibited without prior approval of the area manager. WMAs require that treestands must be marked with the hunter’s TWRA ID number.

**August Deer (Archery) Season:** This season is closed on WMAs that are open to statewide big game seasons, except for certain WMAs in Unit CWD. Check listings starting on page 50.

## Small Game Hunting on WMAs

**On WMAs open with statewide seasons,** the season dates, bag limits, weapon types, and ammunition types that pertain to the county where the WMA is located apply to that WMA except special regulations listed specifically for those WMAs still apply. Small game hunters hunting on public lands must comply with blaze orange requirements during big game gun

and Young Sportsman hunts on specific WMA’s where noted.

**Permits:** In order to hunt or trap small game on WMAs with a “SG” after the name, individuals are required to have one of the following permits in addition to the regular hunting or trapping license: Annual Senior Citizen Permit; Annual Small Game only; 1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl; or Annual Small Game and Waterfowl. (Lifetime Sportsman, Sportsman License holders or youths age 6–15 who are accompanied by an adult with a valid permit are exempt from purchasing a permit.)

**Closures during big game hunts:** Closures may apply, see specific WMA listing for those closures.

**Quail:** On WMAs open with the statewide seasons, quail season runs from the 1st Saturday in November until January 15, unless otherwise noted.

**Crow** may be taken on small game hunt days that coincide with the statewide crow season (see page 20).

**Falconry** open with statewide falconry seasons.

**Raccoon and opossum hunting** is open on sunset of opening dates to sunrise of the next day. Raccoon dog field trials permitted Sept. 1–April 30 unless prohibited.

**Field Trials:** Small game (except raccoon) and retriever field trials permitted year-round with approval of the area manager unless otherwise specified.

**Dogs are allowed for small game hunting unless special exception is indicated.** A permit is required for dog training on areas which require a small game permit. On Cherokee and LBL management areas, dogs are allowed on improved roads and in permitted camping areas. All dogs must be detained by chain or leash if not being legally used for hunting.

**Dogs are allowed during spring squirrel season except where noted.**

**Youth hunting small game on a WMA:** Youths, ages 6–16, must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device except as otherwise noted.

## Trapping on WMAs

Other TWRA lands not proclaimed as a WMA or refuge are open with statewide seasons unless otherwise indicated.

**Permits:** A WMA small game permit is required to trap on all areas that require a small game hunt permit.

## Waterfowl Hunting on WMAs

Permits: WMAs with a “WF” after the name require either an Annual Small Game and Waterfowl permit; or a 1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl permit in addition to a regular hunting license and Waterfowl license. There are three exceptions: Lifetime Sportsman, Sportsman License holders and youths age 6–15 who are accompanied by an adult with a valid permit, do not need a permit. Nonresidents, however, must have either a WMA Small Game and Waterfowl Permit or 1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl Permit in addition to their license.

**Tier System:** A designated waterfowl hunt location is a marked location (via physical stake or Global Positioning System [GPS] coordinates) established by the TWRA upon which a permanent blind may be constructed, depending on Tier designation as determined by TWRA, at Barkley Unit I, Big Sandy (including Gin Creek Unit), Camden Units I and II, Cheatham Lake, Gooch Unit A, Haynes Bottom, Old Hickory Units I and II, Tigrett, AEDC (Woods Reservoir), West Sandy, and Reelfoot.

- Tier 1 designated hunt location is a marked location with a permanent blind assigned by a random drawing to a permittee for an entire waterfowl hunting season.
- Tier 2 designated hunt location is a marked location with a TWRA constructed and maintained permanent blind assigned by a random drawing to a permittee for a period of time during the waterfowl hunting season.
- Tier 4 designated hunt location is a marked location that may be hunted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Tier 1 Blind Sites:** Tier 1 permits will be valid for the entire regular waterfowl season. Hunters can apply through any TWRA license agent or at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) from June 28–July 19, 2023. Tier 1 Locations shall have a permanent blind at the location built or maintained (if a permanent blind already exists) at the location, by the permittee(s). The maximum hunt party size for Tier 1 Locations is eight (8) adults, but there is no maximum party size for youth hunters. However, youth hunters (ages 6–15) must be accompanied by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age while hunting a Tier 1 Location. All Tier 1 Location permanent blind construction and/or placement must be complete by the fourth Monday in October. To be considered complete, a permanent blind structure must be at least four (4) feet wide, four (4) feet high, and eight (8) feet long, but may not exceed thirty (30) feet in length and may not exceed three hundred (300) total square feet. The walls of the permanent blind structure must be solid material to which camouflage may be attached. A permanent blind structure at a Tier 1 Location must be in place and remain in place throughout

the regular waterfowl season. All camouflage must be completed by opening day of regular waterfowl season. Any Tier 1 Location with a permanent blind structure not in compliance with the above requirements will result in the Tier 1 Location Permit being cancelled and the Tier 1 Location being designated as a Tier 4 Location for the remainder of the waterfowl season. Tier 1 Locations redesignated as Tier 4 Locations may be drawn as Tier 1 Locations the following year. If adverse environmental conditions prevent the construction and/or placement of a permanent blind at the site by the deadline, as determined by the TWRA, the area manager may grant an extension. The area manager must receive a written request for an extension, from a permittee, prior to the fourth Monday in October. Should these adverse environmental conditions persist and completely prevent the construction and/or placement of a blind on the site, as verified by the area manager, a permittee shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in the drawing the following year. Blinds rendered unusable or destroyed may be repaired or replaced at the discretion of the area manager. Permanent blinds built on Tier 1 Locations must be within five (5) feet of designated stakes or GPS coordinates. Permittee(s) must remove all associated blind materials, including all litter and trash, stakes, weights, and lines within fifteen (15) days after the last day of the regular waterfowl season or the last day of a special youth or military hunt, whichever occurs later. All blinds must be removed from Tier 1 locations by April 30, but an area manager may allow more time for removal upon written request. Any blind not removed will become the property of the TWRA for future use and/or destruction. If a Tier 1 Location permittee does not meet the deadline for having the blind on site, or violates any other provision of this rule, the permittee forfeits the permittee's opportunity to participate in any waterfowl quota hunt drawing the following year. Successful applicants drawn for a Tier 1 Location are prohibited from applying, as an individual or in a party, for a Tier 2 or quota permit.

**Tier 2 Blind Sites:** Typically, Tier 2 permits will be valid for a two, three, or four-day hunt period. Hunters can apply through any TWRA license agent or at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) during three separate application periods (Early Segment Sept. 27–Oct. 17; Mid Segment Oct. 25–Nov. 14; Late Segment Nov. 15–Dec. 5). Tier 2 Locations shall have a permanent blind at the location built and maintained by the TWRA. The maximum hunt party size for Tier 2 Locations is eight (8) adults, but there is no maximum party size for youth hunters. However, youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age while hunting a Tier 2 Location. A Tier 2 Location permittee must be present any time a Tier 2 Location is hunted. No other individual may hunt a Tier 2 Location even if a permittee is not in the blind by the legal daily opening shooting time. No access is allowed until 4:00 a.m. on the day of the drawn hunt. Permittee(s) are responsible for removal

of all decoys, litter, and trash on the last day of the hunt period.

**Tier 4 Locations:** Tier 4 Locations may or may not have permanent blinds. Any permanent blinds at Tier 4 Locations are structures leftover from Tier 1 Sites that have become Tier 4 Locations because the successful applicant failed to construct a blind by the deadline. No person may construct new permanent blind structures at Tier 4 Locations. Temporary blinds may be used at Tier 4 Locations, but the blinds must be removed at the end of each day. Any temporary blinds and decoys must be removed from the area at the end of shooting each day. All temporary blinds must be within twenty-five (25) feet of designated stakes or GPS coordinates. No permit is required to hunt Tier 4 Locations, but the first person or party to the location before the legal daily opening shooting time has priority use (exclusive and uninterrupted use) of the location until the end of the shooting hours that day. Exclusive and uninterrupted use entitles the person or party to the right to exclude all others from the location, at the person's or party's option, except for law enforcement personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. The maximum hunt party size for Tier 4 Locations is eight (8) adults, but there is no maximum party size for youth hunters. However, youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age while hunting a Tier 4 Location. Any person or party hunting a Tier 4 Location is responsible for removal of all decoys, litter, and trash at the end of each day.

**“Blind hopping”:** A waterfowl hunt permittee, an individual to whom the TWRA issued a permit for Tier 1 blinds, must occupy his/her blind or hunt location by the legal daily opening shooting time on days he/she wishes to hunt, and if the blind or hunt location is unoccupied at that time by the permittee, the first person or party occupying the blind (“blind hopper”) shall be entitled to the privilege of its exclusive and uninterrupted use until the end of shooting hours that day. Exclusive and uninterrupted use entitles the person or party the right to exclude all others from the blind or hunt location at the person's or party's option, except for law enforcement personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. The permittee has priority use (exclusive and uninterrupted) only if he/she is at the blind or hunt location on or before the legal daily opening shooting time, even if the blind or hunt location is occupied by another person or party, provided the permittee produces identification and his/her permit. **The “blind hopping” allowance does not apply to Tier 2 blinds.**

**Temporary hunt locations:** Hunting will be permitted from permanent draw blinds and temporary blinds on Camden-Unit II, Big Sandy (including Gin Creek Unit), Barkley Unit II, Cordell Hull, Reelfoot, Tigrett, and West Sandy in accordance with statewide rules and regulations. Any temporary blinds and decoys must be at least two hundred

(200) yards from any Tier 1, 2, or 4 waterfowl hunt locations blind and must be removed from the area at the end of shooting each day.

**Application periods:** Hunters can apply for Tier 2 Sites through any TWRA license agent or at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) during three separate application periods (Early Segment Sept. 27–Oct. 17; Mid Segment Oct. 25–Nov. 14; Late Segment Nov. 15–Dec. 5). *All waterfowl drawings require a party application of 4 persons minimum, 8 person maximum. See Page 44.*

**Claiming Your Permit:** Successful applicants that are drawn for a Tier 1, Tier 2, or Quota Permit must log into their [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) account to **claim their permit**. **Claiming your permit** will meet the requirements formerly known as the NOI (notice of intent). Successful applicants for Tier 1 sites will need to **claim their permit** by August 14, 2023; Tier 2 permits must be claimed by the following dates: Early Segment Oct. 30, 2023; Mid Segment Nov. 27, 2023; Late Segment Dec. 18, 2023). Each party member must claim their own permit. Permits will be available to print after the permit has been claimed. A confirmation number will be issued upon completion. Successful parties drawn for Tier 1 sites who do not claim any permits will result in the Tier 1 Site location being forfeited. Individuals in the party that fail to claim their permit will forfeit their individual permit. Any unclaimed or forfeited Tier 1 Site will be re-allocated at the respective regional office for that Tier 1 Site. For Tier 2 and Quota Permit sites, any license holder may enter for a leftover drawing, but any applicant drawn must be present at the prescribed time and location to claim the permit (see page 45).

**Reelfoot and West Sandy (Springville Bottoms) permanent registered blinds:** Reelfoot blinds must be registered with the TWRA from February 18 through July 31 and require the purchase of a Reelfoot Duck Blind Permit. To register a permanent blind at West Sandy an individual must purchase a combination waterfowl and small game annual WMA permit or a sportsman's license on or before July 31. By the first Saturday in August, the TWRA will verify whether a permanent registered blind site was renewed. Registration of permanent blinds at West Sandy will be in-person at Henry County Fairgrounds on the first Saturday in August. Individuals claiming blind sites on these areas may not compete for blind site drawings on other areas.

All blind sites will be given a registration number, which must be displayed, using lettering 2 inches or larger inside the blind, or on a stake at floating blind sites. When floating blinds are moved to designated blind stakes, the number must be immediately transferred from the stake to the blind. No blind may be constructed, repaired or any floating blinds moved onto the area that have not met the deadlines for registering the blind and displaying the registration number. Unregistered and/or unnumbered blinds are subject to removal.

No blind may be locked or barricaded to deny entrance to other hunters when the blind is not in use.

**Wheelchair-bound blind sites:** Certain WMAs have special blind sites established for wheelchair-bound hunters. See specific WMAs for regulations, if applicable. Properties with accessible blinds:

- Camden
- Cheatham Lake
- Cordell Hull
- North Chickamauga Creek Varner Unit
- Old Hickory Unit 1
- Reelfoot
- West Sandy

**Youths hunting waterfowl on a WMA:** Youths, ages 6–16, must be accompanied by an adult, 18 years of age or older, who must remain in position to take immediate control of the hunting device, except as otherwise noted.

**Veterans and active military waterfowl on a WMA.** Veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training), participate in the special Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Season on WMAs, see page 14.



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### Tier Designations on WMAs

All waterfowl drawings require a party application of 4 persons minimum, 8 persons maximum.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

|  | TIER 1   | TIER 2   | TIER 4                                     | QUOTA PERMIT AREA  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Blind Type</b>  | Permanent Blind built and maintained by permit holder(s)                           | Permanent Blind built and maintained by TWRA   | Temporary blinds only*                     | Temporary blinds only  |
| <b>Permit duration</b>   | Entire regular waterfowl season<br>60 days   | 2 or 3 or 4 day hunt Monday–Thursday, Friday–Sunday. Closure days on Specific WMAs may apply | No permit needed, first-come, first-served | 2 or 3 or 4 day hunt Monday–Thursday, Friday–Sunday. Closure days on Specific WMAs may apply |
| <b>Hunt Location Permit Required</b>                               | Yes  | Yes  | No   | Yes  |
| <b>Application Deadlines</b><br>Minimum of 4 people, maximum of 8. | Opens - June 28, 2023<br>Closes - July 19, 2023<br>Claim permit by August 14, 2023 | <b>Early Segment</b>   | First come-First Served                    | <b>Early Segment</b>   |
|  |  | Opens - Sept. 27   |  | Opens - Sept. 27   |
|  |  | Closes - Oct. 17   |  | Closes - Oct. 17   |
|  |  | Claim permit by Oct. 30  |  | Claim permit by Oct. 30  |
|  |  | Left-Over Drawing - Nov. 13  |  | Left-Over Drawing - Nov. 13  |
|  |  | <b>Mid Segment</b>   |  | <b>Mid Segment</b>   |
|  |  | Opens - Oct. 25  |  | Opens - Oct. 25  |
|  |  | Closes - Nov. 14   |  | Closes - Nov. 14   |
|  |  | Claim permit by Nov. 27  |  | Claim permit by Nov. 27  |
|  |  | Left-Over Drawing - Dec. 12  |  | Left-Over Drawing - Dec. 12  |
|  |  | <b>Late Segment</b>  |  | <b>Late Segment</b>  |
|  |  | Opens - Nov. 15  |  | Opens - Nov. 15  |
| Closes - Dec. 5  | Closes - Dec. 5  |  |  |  |
| Claim permit by Dec. 18  | Claim permit by Dec. 18  |  |  |  |
| Left-Over Drawing - Jan. 4   | Left-Over Drawing - Jan. 4   |  |  |  |
| <b>Equipment Removal (Decoys, trash, blind material)</b>           | 15 days post season  | End of Hunt period   | Daily                                      | End of Hunt period   |
| <b>Youth/Military Hunt</b>   | Available to permit holders/ hopping   | Apply during Late segment  | First-come, first-served                   | Apply during Late segment. Chickamauga Units open on a first-come, first-served basis.       |
| <b>Hopping</b>   | Yes  | <b>No</b>  | Yes, first-come, first-served              | No   |
| <b>Hunting Distance from Stake</b>                                 | Blinds Constructed within 5 ft of location   | Must be in blind   | 25 ft.                                     | Must be in designated unit   |
| <b>Left-Over Drawing</b>   | Yes, after claim permit deadline; No, after blind construction deadline            | Yes  | N/A  | Yes  |
| <b>Post Season Survey</b>  | Yes  | Yes  | No   | Yes  |
| <b>Priority Points</b>   | No   | Yes  | No   | Yes  |
| <b>Blind Construction Deadline</b>                                 | Fourth Monday in October   | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| <b>Number of Hunters</b>   | Max 8 adults- No limit for youth hunters   | Max 8 hunters, no limit for youth hunters, must include permit holder                        | Max 8 adults. No limit for youth hunters.  | Max 8 hunters, must include permit holder  |

\*except where there is a blind remaining from the previous season. No new blinds may be constructed.

Tier 1 sites forfeited during the permitting process will be available for reallocation at the respective regional office on August 24, 2023, at 9:00 am. In-person attendance required.

**Leftover Tier 2 and Waterfowl Quota Hunt Permit Drawings**

| AREA   | SEGMENT                 | DRAWING DATE  | TIME                 | LOCATION   | CONTACT                        |
|--|-------------------------|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Chickamauga Units (Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek, Yellow Creek) | Early<br>Middle<br>Late | Monday, Nov. 13<br>Tuesday, Dec. 12<br>Thursday, Jan. 4 | 6pm<br>local<br>time | Hiwasee Refuge,<br>525 Priddy Lane,<br>Birchwood   | Region 3 Office (931) 484-9571 |
| Meeman-Shelby Forest SP  |                         |   |                      | Covington Civic Center,<br>100 West Washington Ave.<br>Covington                           | Chris Park (731) 738-0233      |
| Gooch (Units A and E)  |                         |   |                      | Kenton Gym,<br>206 West College St., Kenton  | Rob Lewis (731) 749-5587       |
| John Tully - Fig Field Unit  |                         |   |                      | Covington Civic Center,<br>100 West Washington Ave.<br>Covington                           | Chris Park (731) 738-0233      |
| White Oak (Lebanon Pond)   |                         |   |                      | Morris Chapel Community<br>Center/Fire Dept.,<br>8695 Coffee Landing Rd.,<br>Morris Chapel | Office (731) 687-3444          |
| Bogota and Thorny Cypress  |                         |   |                      | Dyersburg Work Base,<br>355 Menzies Rd., Dyersburg   | Josh Emerson (731) 285-6124    |
| Reelfoot   |                         |   |                      | Reelfoot State Park,<br>2595 St. Rt. 21E, Tiptonville                                      | Chase Taylor (731) 253-7343    |
| Kentucky Lake Units (Barkley, Big Sandy, Camden, Gin Creek, West Sandy)        |                         |   |                      | Henry County Fairgrounds,<br>517 Royal Oak Drive, Paris                                    | Evan Gaskin (731) 593-0588     |
| Tigrett  |                         |   |                      | Dyersburg Work Base,<br>355 Menzies Rd., Dyersburg   | Andy Rutherford (731) 345-9992 |
| Haynes Bottom and Cheatham   |                         |   |                      | Cheatham WMA Work Base,<br>1299 Headquarters Rd.,<br>Ashland City                          | Eric Tummins (615) 792-4510    |
| Old Hickory Units 1 and 2  |                         |   |                      | Old Hickory WMA Work Base,<br>4050 Canoe Branch Rd., Lebanon                               | Michael Bobel (615) 444-6673   |
| Woods Reservoir  |                         |   |                      | Capitol Hill Community Center,<br>5601 AEDC Rd., Winchester                                | Region 2 (931) 967-6101        |

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# TWRA FIRING RANGES

## REGIONAL INFORMATION Tier Permit Fees - See Page 6

### Region I

#### Chambers Creek Firing Range (Tier 1)

Located on Campbell-Old Mill Road. Open for sighting in during the month of October. Daylight hours only.

#### Lake Graham Firing Range (Tier 1)

(731) 423-5725

Open for sighting in prior to deer gun season on Oct. 28–29, Nov. 4–5, 11–12 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

#### Natchez Trace State Park Firing Range

Natchez Trace State Park office. (731) 968-3742.

#### TWRA Hunter Education and Range Facility (Tier 3)

3200 Brother Blvd., Bartlett, TN.  
Sam Murrey – (901) 213-3124.

- Fee required.
- **Hours:**
  - » **Tuesday:** 12 p.m.–9 p.m.
  - » **Thursday:** 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
  - » **Saturday:** 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
  - » **Sunday:** 1 p.m.–6 p.m.
- All guns must be cased when not in use.
- Check website for scheduled holiday closures.

#### Wolf River Firing Range (Tier 1)

(901) 878-0855

- Firing range open for rifle sight-in during the whole month of October.
- GPS coordinates N 35.0026.63 W89.1759.93

### Region II

#### Cheatham WMA Firing Range and Archery Range (Tier 1)

1299 Headquarters Rd., Ashland City, TN 37015.  
Eric Tummins – (615) 792-4510.

- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited. Field points only for archery. Automatic firearms prohibited. Must purchase the range permit from a TWRA license agent or online. No permits available at range. Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): A Tier 1 Firing Range Permit or valid hunting license required.
- **Hours:**
  - » **Daily:** Open from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

#### Montgomery County Shooting Complex

4201 Southside Road, Southside, TN 37171.  
(931) 387-3456. [www.shoottn.com](http://www.shoottn.com)

- Permits must be purchased before entrance to range. Fee required.
- **Hours:**
  - » **Friday - Sunday:** 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
  - » **Closed Monday–Thursday.**

#### Stones River Hunter Education Center (Tier 2)

2618 Hobson Pike, Antioch, TN.  
Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday.  
Call (615) 641-8896 for times.

- Fee required. Shotguns prohibited. Adult. Tier 2 Firing Range Permit required
- **Hours:**
  - » **April–Oct.:** Fri.–Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. 1–6 p.m.
  - » **Nov.–March:** Fri.–Sat. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sun. 1–4:30 p.m.
  - » Check website for scheduled holiday closures.

#### Yanahli Firing Range (Tier 1)

(931) 840-4042.

- Oct. 1–Dec. 31. Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 12pm–5pm. Closed Jan.–Sept.
- Automatic firearms prohibited.
- Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): A Tier 1 Firing Range Permit or a valid hunting license.

### Region III

#### Catoosa WMA Genesis Checking Station (Tier 1)

Don Chance – (931) 456-2479.

Open daily except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Tier 1 Range permit or a Hunting and Fishing Combo license or equivalent required; must be purchased from a TWRA license agent or online. No permits available at range. Adult (16 yrs.+): A Tier 1 Firing Range Permit or valid hunting license required.

#### Catoosa WMA Peavine Campground (Tier 1)

Don Chance – (931) 456-2479.

- **Open:**
  - » **April 1–Jan. 31,** except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Tier 1 Range permit or Type 001 license or equivalent required; must be purchased from a TWRA license agent or online. No permits available at range. Adult (16 yrs.+): A Tier 1 Firing Range Permit or valid hunting license required.

#### Prentice Cooper WMA (Tier 1)

Marty Griffith – (423) 658-0298.

- Rifles and handguns only. No shotguns.
- A Tier 1 Firing Range Permit or valid hunting license required. *Permits must be purchased from a TWRA license agent or online. No permits available at range.* Adult (16 yrs.+)
- **Open:**
  - » Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday only, daylight hours only. Closed during WMA Big Game hunts.

#### South Cherokee WMA (Spring Creek Range)

(423) 338-3300

- U.S. Forest Service Fee (\$3 per vehicle) required. Annual pass available. Open daylight hours. Closed on Tuesday.

### Region IV

#### John Sevier Hunter Education Center (Tier 2)

2327 Rifle Range Road, Knoxville.  
Chad Gann – (865) 594-6279.

- Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+). Tier 2 Firing Range Permit required
- **Hours:** Closed 1st full weekend of each month.
  - » **Rifle/pistol/Archery ranges open:** Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday: 1 p.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
  - » **Shotgun ranges open:** Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

#### Chuck Swan WMA Firing Range (Tier 1)

Dustin McCubbins – (865) 278-3248.

Closed during big game hunts. Range open Thursday and Friday from noon to sunset and Saturday and Sunday from sunrise to sunset. No buckshot allowed on range. A Tier 1 Firing Range Permit or valid hunting license required.

#### North Cumberland WMA Firing Range (Tier 1)

Flatwoods Road.

Area manager – (423) 566-8557. A Tier 1 Firing Range Permit or valid hunting license required.

#### North Cherokee WMA

(423) 735-1500.

- US Forest Service Fee (\$2 per vehicle) required and/or annual pass. Open daylight hours only.

#### Jacobs Creek

Denton Valley Road, Sullivan Co.

#### Pond Mountain

Hwy. 321, Carter Co.

#### Scioto

Scioto Road, Unicoi Co.

#### Bubbling Springs

Hwy. 107, Cocke Co. (423) 638-4109



# PUBLIC HUNTING

## INFORMATION

### Other Hunting Lands

Other TWRA lands not proclaimed as a WMA or refuge are open with statewide seasons unless otherwise indicated.

#### Big Hill Pond State Park (McNairy Co.) Hunttable Lands

The portion that is south of the railroad track is open to hunting during the statewide seasons. Wild hog may be taken during deer season by licensed deer hunters. Same as statewide. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28

#### Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

Not open to elk hunting. In addition to state hunting license, a Big South Fork Permit is required to take wild hogs. Hogs may only be taken during the deer season and the Jan.–Feb. small game season. All hogs must be taken with big game hunting devices. For information about obtaining a wild hog permit call Big South Fork NRRRA at (423) 569-9778 or the BSFNRRRA Brandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or [www.nps.gov/biso](http://www.nps.gov/biso).

#### Fort Campbell Outdoor Recreation

(270) 798-9824.

[www.ftcampbell.isportsman.net](http://www.ftcampbell.isportsman.net)

#### Holston Army Ammunition Plant

(423) 578-6276

#### Land Between the Lakes

(270) 924-2000

LBL Hunter use permit required.

[www.landbetweenthe lakes.us](http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us)

#### Long Hunter State Park (Davidson/Rutherford Counties)

Deer Hunt. Archery only, including crossbow. Harvested deer must be checked in at designated check in station at park. Bag limit three deer, no more than one antlered. First deer harvested must be antlerless. Antlered deer count towards statewide bag. Hunter safety meeting required. For more specific information call (615) 885-2422.

#### Tennessee State Forests

Operated by Tennessee Division of Forestry. State forests listed below are open to hunting during statewide seasons. For information concerning locations and state forest user regulations, consult website: [www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/stateforests.html](http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/stateforests.html)

Bledsoe State Forest, Cedars of Lebanon State Forest, Franklin State Forest, Lone Mountain State Forest, Stewart State Forest

#### Milan Volunteer Training Site

Hunts on this property are quota hunts and will be available during the quota hunt application period. Contact Region 1 for information: 731-423-5725

#### Cedars of Lebanon State Forest and Natural Area

Permit required to access state natural area. For more information call (615) 443-276

#### Tims Ford State Park Hunttable Lands

Permit required, available at the Park Office. Same seasons and regulations as Owl Hollow Mill WMA (see page 62). For more information call (931) 962-1183.

### Federal Refuges

Federal refuge seasons and regulations may be different from the ones listed in this guide. Contact the individual refuge for their specific seasons and regulations.

#### Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 635-7621

#### Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge

(931) 232-7477 – All hunters must have type 064 permit, even lifetime and sportsmans license holders. Available at all TWRA license agents.

#### Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 635-7621.

#### Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 772-0501

#### Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges

(731) 538-2481

#### Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 642-2091 – All hunters must have type 064 permit, even lifetime and sportsmans license holders. Available at all TWRA license agents.

### State Natural Areas

The following State Natural Areas (SNAs) are open with statewide season, except as noted. For more information on these areas, see the Tennessee SNA's website.

**Big Cypress SNA**, coincides with Obion River WMA regulations, **Duck River Complex SNA**, **Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade SNA**, **Fate Sanders Barrens SNA**, **Fall Creek Falls SNA**, **Hampton Creek Cove SNA** (Only turkey, grouse, rabbit, squirrel, and deer hunting (tree stands prohibited and archery only) allowed. Hunting dogs, dog training and motorized vehicles are prohibited), **Ghost River SNA** coincides with Wolf River WMA Unit 1 regulations, for deer,, **Hicks Gap SNA**, **Reelfoot**

**SNA** coincides with Reelfoot WMA regulations, **Sunk Lake SNA** (northern unit only), **Twin Arches SNA**, **Honey Creek SNA** (No hunting in the No Hunt Zone around Chariot Lodge), **Walker Branch SNA**, **William R. Davenport Refuge SNA**

### TWRA Public Hunting Areas (PHAs)

TWRA has established numerous PHAs; see list below. A PHA is an area established for the protection of wildlife species and public use by both consumptive and non-consumptive users, but is not intensively managed. PHAs are generally small and isolated from other TWRA managed lands. General WMA Regulations (pg. 38–43) also apply to PHAs. However, WMA Permits are not required on these lands.

For information on these areas and exact locations, search the interactive map (go to [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) and search for Wildlife Management Area Maps).

**Open with statewide seasons:** Cowan Swamp (Franklin Co.), Shady Park (Robertson Co.), Battle Creek (Marion Co.), Whites Creek (Rhea Co.), Mullins Island (Cocke Co.)

**Open with statewide seasons except archery equipment only for deer hunting:** Anderson Pond (White Co.), Hampton Crossroads (White Co.), Long Branch (DeKalb Co.)

**Open with seasons same as North Cherokee WMA:** Big Springs (Sullivan Co.), Henderson Swamp (Washington Co.)

### Hunting on TWRA Lakes

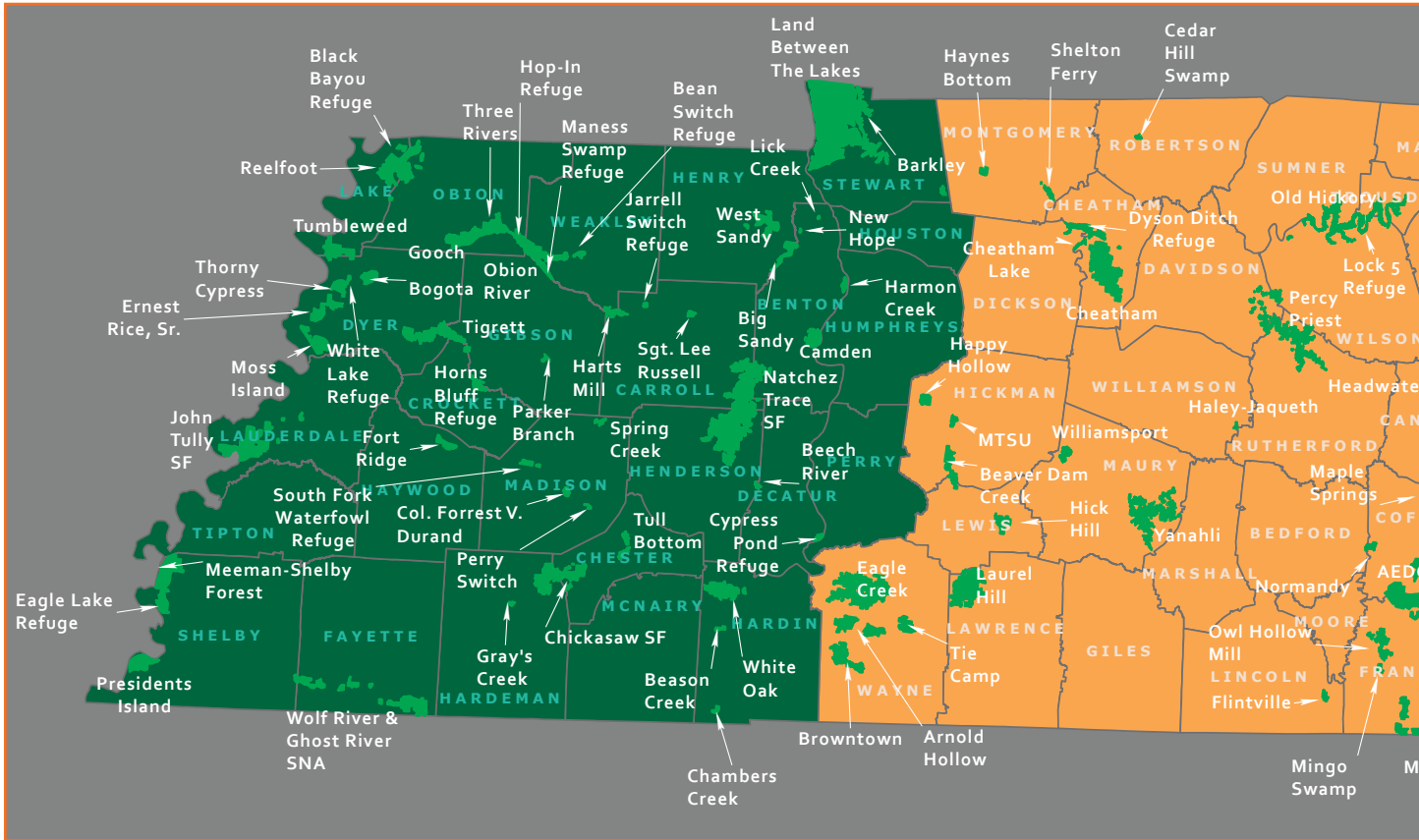
**Hunting:** Hunting is permitted during the regular hunting season on the following lakes and adjacent state lands, except on areas posted as safety zones: Garrett Lake, VFW Lake, Whiteville Lake, Coy Gaither Bedford Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Carroll Lake (no big game hunting allowed on Carroll Lake and State owned land adjacent thereto), and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. **Note:** On the Oak Dain Wetland portion of Whiteville Lake deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.

**Trapping:** Trapping is allowed on Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes as set out in statewide regulations.

**Waterfowl Hunting:** Waterfowl hunting is permitted from temporary or natural blinds only on Garrett Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. Blinds and decoys must be removed daily from Garrett Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. Boats may be used for waterfowl hunting on Garrett Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. See Laurel Hill WMA section regarding the waterfowl hunt at Laurel Hill Lake.

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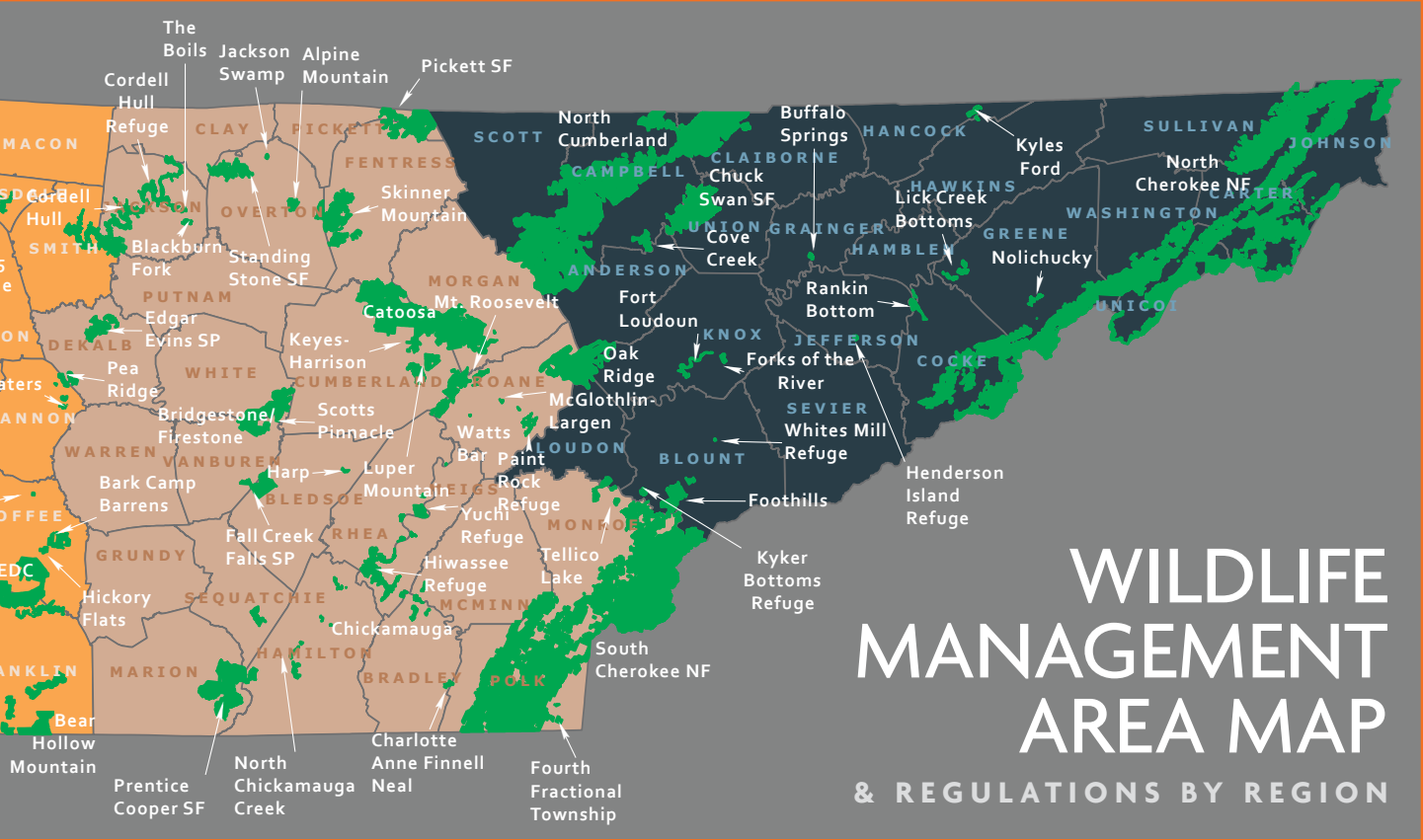


Wildlife Management Area (WMA) — Icon Key

| BIG GAME  |                |   |               |
|---|----------------|---|---------------|
| Big Game  | All Big Game   | Deer  | Spring Turkey |
|   |                | Fall Turkey   | Bear          |
|   |                |   | Elk           |
| SMALL GAME  |                |   |               |
| Small Game  | All Small Game | Spring Squirrel   | Squirrel      |
|   |                | Dove  | Woodcock      |
| Rabbit  |                | Quail   | Grouse        |
| Snipe   |                | Crow  | Waterfowl     |
| Opossum   |                | Trapping  | Raccoon       |
|   |                | Coyote  |               |
| OTHER ICONS   |                |   |               |
| Wheelchair  | Shooting Range | WMA Dog Training Season Year-round except as otherwise indicated.                     | Camping       |
| PERMIT KEY  |                |   |               |
| <b>BG</b> – Big Game quota permit or non-quota WMA annual permit. |                | <b>SG</b> – Small Game WMA permit or combination waterfowl and small game WMA permit. |               |
| <b>WF</b> – Combination waterfowl and small game WMA permit.      |                | <b>NP</b> – No permit required.   |               |
| <b>HI</b> – High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit               |                |   |               |

REGION III

REGION IV



# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA MAP

& REGULATIONS BY REGION

WWW.TNWILDLIFE.ORG

## HOW TO GUIDE

### Using the WMA Icons:

Icons indicate that a season is open. If an icon is listed in a WMA, that season is open with possible restrictions that will be listed. If there is no icon listed in the WMA, the season is closed.

If the Big Game and/or Small Game icon is listed, then all Big Game and/or Small Game species are open with the statewide season unless otherwise noted.

The top line of each WMA is a quick reference guide to see what species are open to hunting during the statewide season.

The WMA summaries supply hunt dates, bag limits and special regulations. There are general regulations that may not be listed but apply to all WMAs (pages 38-41). **Read ALL regulations before visiting a WMA.**

If there are special managed hunts or seasons, these will be listed separately underneath each WMA. Specific dates, bag limits, and or restrictions will be listed here.



### BEAN SWITCH REFUGE

WEAKLEY COUNTY • 572 ACRES  
OFF HWY. 54 NEAR GREENFIELD ON  
MIDDLE  
FORK OF THE OBION RIVER  
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • SG, BG

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–the last day of Feb.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove, waterfowl and fall turkey hunting.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 15–May 7. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

# REGION I

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS



## BARKLEY

STEWART COUNTY • 8,090 ACRES  
HWY. 79 DOWNSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 85  
EVAN GASKIN (731) 593-0588

**UNIT I • SG, WF, BG**

*All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before each opening day of the statewide duck season. Beginning on the opening day of the regular waterfowl season and continuing until the last day of the regular waterfowl season, public access in the subimpoundment will only be allowed from 4:00 a.m. until two hours after legal shooting hours have ended. During the late duck season, all activities are prohibited in the subimpoundments when waterfowl hunting is closed.*

*Waterfowl hunting authorized only from tier 1, tier 2, and tier 4 locations.*

*Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.*



Same as statewide seasons except as noted. Deer and Small Game hunting is only allowed on days waterfowl hunting is closed during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.



**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Hunting of waterfowl during the duck and goose seasons occurring in Nov.–Feb. permitted only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the duck and goose seasons occurring in Nov.–Feb.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15 except closed during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.

**UNIT II • SG, WF, BG**

ALL OF BARKLEY WMA EXCEPT THAT DEFINED AS UNIT I



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

## BEAN SWITCH REFUGE

WEAKLEY COUNTY • 572 ACRES  
OFF HWY. 54 NEAR GREENFIELD ON MIDDLE  
FORK OF THE OBION RIVER  
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, BG**

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–the last day of Feb.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove, waterfowl and fall turkey hunting.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

## BEASON CREEK

HARDIN COUNTY – 460 ACRES  
OFFICE (731) 687-3444 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season

## BEECH RIVER

HENDERSON/DECATUR COUNTIES – 450 ACRES  
SOUTH OF DARDEN OFF OF HWY 412  
OFFICE (731) 687-3444 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Henderson County portion follows Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season



**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m.(CST) each day of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb., except the last day of seasons when hunting closes at sunset. All water traffic prohibited after 5 p.m. (CST). No access by waterfowl hunters before 4 a.m. (CST).

## BIG SANDY (GIN CREEK)

BENTON/HENRY COUNTIES • 2,370 ACRES  
EVAN GASKIN (731) 593-0588 • **SG, WF, BG**

*All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before each opening day of the statewide duck season. Beginning on the opening day of the regular waterfowl season and continuing until the last day of the regular waterfowl season, public access in the subimpoundment will only be allowed from 4:00 a.m. until two hours after legal*

*shooting hours have ended. During the late duck season, all activities are prohibited in the subimpoundments when waterfowl hunting is closed.*

*Any temporary blinds, hides, and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blinds and be removed at the end of shooting hours each day.*

*Fishing, trapping and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Special Dove (youth)** - Sept. 2 noon until sunset. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Designated fields only.

**Dove** - Sept. 3 through the remainder of the first and second segment of the statewide season. Designated fields only.



**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. permitted only on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the duck and goose seasons occurring in Nov.–Feb.



**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15, except closed during duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.

## BLACK BAYOU REFUGE

LAKE COUNTY • 1,350 ACRES  
FIVE MILES NORTH OF TIPTONVILLE ON HWY. 78  
CHASE TAYLOR (731) 253-7343  
REELFOOT PRESERVATION PERMIT REQUIRED

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–the last day of Feb. Designated observation areas will be open year-round.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. Closed to waterfowl, spring and fall turkey season.



**Deer** - Same as statewide season except archery only from Nov. 4 until the end of the statewide deer seasons and antlered deer only during muzzleloader season. Deer count toward statewide bag limit. Closed to Young Sportsman deer hunt.



**Turkey (Young Sportsman Hunt Only)** - Same as statewide season.



**Dog training** - Sept. 1–Nov. 14.

## BOGOTA

DYER COUNTY • 2,293 ACRES  
 JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Areas within 150 yards of draw waterfowl pools are closed during small game, trapping and statewide deer gun season(s).

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Special Dove (Youth)** - Sept. 2, noon until sunset. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Designated fields only.

**Dove** - Sept. 3 through the remainder of the first and second segments of the statewide season. Designated fields only.

**Waterfowl (Designated Pools Only)** - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. permitted only on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. and the youth/military waterfowl seasons. Goose seasons to coincide with statewide season after the youth/military waterfowl seasons, no pool restrictions or drawings.

All hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

Designated pools (except Pool 1) will be allocated by computer draw. Hunters are restricted to pools or number stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. All hunters in a party are required to hunt in the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out in draw pools over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Pool 1: No waterfowl hunters permitted in Pool 1 (non-draw pool) and no access allowed from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck season occurring in November, December, and January. No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed daily from Pool 1.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey counts towards statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–Oct. 31.

## CAMDEN

BENTON COUNTY • 3,682 ACRES  
 HWY. 70, WEST OF NEW JOHNSONVILLE  
 EVAN GASKIN (731) 593-0588

### UNIT I • SG, WF, BG

*All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before each opening day of the statewide duck season. Beginning on the opening day of the regular waterfowl season and continuing until the last day of the regular waterfowl season, public access in the subimpoundment will only be allowed from 4:00 a.m. until two hours after legal shooting hours have ended.*

*Fishing, trapping and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting shall close at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of each segment of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. and remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15 except closed during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.

### UNIT II • SG, WF, BG

All water traffic is prohibited in the subimpoundments five (5) days before opening day of the statewide duck season.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Any temporary blinds, hides and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blind and removed at the end of the hunt day.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Deer** - Deer hunting will be with archery equipment only during waterfowl seasons. Archers must comply with the legal blaze orange requirements during the deer gun season.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting shall close at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except for (a) Tuesdays and Thursdays, (b) the last day of each segment of the late duck season, (c) the remaining goose seasons, and (d) wheelchair-bound blind sites when hunting shall close at sunset.

**Waterfowl (wheelchair-bound only blind sites)** - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind

are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchairbound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15 except closed during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.

## CHAMBERS CREEK

HARDIN COUNTY – 400 ACRES  
 SOUTH OF HWY 57 OFF OF ROBINSON RD.  
 OFFICE (731) 687-3444 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

**Firing Range** on Campbell–Old Mill Road is open for sighting-in during the month of October, daylight hours only. See twnlife.org for details.

## CHICKASAW STATE FOREST

HARDEMAN/CHESTER COUNTIES • 11,215 ACRES  
 CHICKASAW STATE PARK OFFICE (731) 989-5141 • NP



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Deer** - Deer seasons follow Unit CWD bag limits including G/M/A hunts. See page 28.

**Turkey** - Two weekly hunts (Tue–Wed and Fri–Sun) each week of spring turkey season. All hunts will be quota hunts and will be drawn prior to turkey season. Hunter quota 26 per hunt. One bearded turkey per hunt, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Camping** - Chickasaw State Park managed campgrounds and cabins. Must contact State Park office.

## C. M. GOOCH

OBION COUNTY • 7,000 ACRES  
 EAST OF HWY. 51 AND SOUTH OF OBION  
 ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except the area inside the TWRA maintained levee of Unit A and all of Unit E are closed during the waterfowl seasons and are

closed to all activities five days before each opening of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward the statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.



**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide season, except Gooch waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. on Units A and E. Waterfowl hunting on the last day of each segment of the duck and remaining goose seasons closes at sunset.

Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl is prohibited inside the TWRA maintained levee of Unit A and all of Unit E during the waterfowl season. On Gooch Unit E, no waterfowl hunters permitted on the unit or access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day. Fishing resumes the day after the last military waterfowl hunt.

No permanent blinds. All temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed from Unit E daily.

Gooch Unit E will be allocated by computer draw. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. Decoys may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Draw hunts will be Opening weekend(s), Monday - Thursday, and Friday-Sunday.

## COLONEL FORREST V. DURAND

MADISON COUNTY - 736 ACRES  
BEHIND THE JACKSON FAIRGROUNDS  
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season

## CYPRESS POND REFUGE

DECATUR COUNTY • 585 ACRES  
EAST DECATUR, SOUTH OF WHITES CREEK ON  
THE TENNESSEE RIVER  
OFFICE (731) 687-3444 • SG, BG

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 until after the last youth/veterans waterfowl hunt.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game seasons will be open on the Monday after the last youth waterfowl/veterans hunt through the remainder of the season. Closed to waterfowl hunting. Closed to dog training.



**Dove** - Sept. 1, noon - sunset. Continuing with statewide season.

## EAGLE LAKE REFUGE

SHELBY COUNTY • 3,253 ACRES  
ADJACENT TO SHELBY FOREST WMA  
CHRIS PARK (731) 738-0233 • SG, BG

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–last day of Feb., except Bomprezzi Unit. Observation tower open only during Meeman Shelby Forest hunt dates that coincide with the hunting season. Dog training prohibited. Access to the south end of Shelby Forest WMA through Eagle Lake Refuge will be allowed during hunting seasons. Bomprezzi Unit has a separate access.*

### EAGLE LAKE REFUGE UNIT



Same as statewide seasons and bag limits, except as noted. Hunting allowed Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday only. Closed to waterfowl hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Hunt days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts towards statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

### BOMPREZZI UNIT



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Shotguns only for small game. Muzzleloaders and shotguns with rifled slugs are legal for deer. Centerfire rifles are prohibited. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

## ERNEST RICE, SR.

DYER COUNTY • 2,900 ACRES  
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, WF, BG

*Dog training is closed. Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA*

*prior to 2 hours before sunrise and be off WMA by one hour after sunset or legal hunting/shooting time.*



Same as statewide season, except small game hunting is closed during the big game gun hunt and except as noted.



**Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum** - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl, raccoon and opossum seasons are not closed during the big game hunts.



**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.



**Deer** - Open with statewide season dates but restricted to Archery Equipment Only - no hunting with muzzleloaders or guns for deer except in 7 day gun season listed below. Archery season is closed during the young sportsman gun hunts. Antlered deer must have nine antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty inches. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during regular statewide Muzzleloader and Gun Season dates.

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Dec. 16–22. One deer, antlered only. Antlered deer must have nine antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty inches.

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Open with statewide seasons. No antler restriction.

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman):** Special hunt Oct. 21–22. No antler requirement. Either sex.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

## FORT RIDGE

NORTH HAYWOOD COUNTY - 1,570 ACRES  
ALONG THE SOUTH FORK OF THE FORKED DEER  
RIVER, OFF OF HWY 54  
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

## GRAY'S CREEK

HARDEMAN COUNTY – 288 ACRES  
NORTH OF BOLIVAR OFF OF HWY 18  
BRANDON GILBERT (901) 878-0855 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit is one bearded turkey. Counts toward the statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season

## HARMON CREEK

BENTON COUNTY • 983 ACRES  
EVAN GASKIN (731) 593-0588 • **SG, WF, BG**

*Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight. Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA prior to two hours before sunrise and be off WMA by one hour after sunset or legal closing (or shooting) time.*



Same as statewide seasons.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

## HART'S MILL

NORTHWEST CARROLL COUNTY AND SOUTHEAST WEAKLEY COUNTY – 1,758 ACRES ALONG THE SOUTH FORK OF OBION RIVER OFF OF HWY 190  
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit is one bearded turkey. Counts toward the statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

## HOP-IN REFUGE

OBION COUNTY • 650 ACRES  
ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE OBION RIVER,  
HWY. 89 NEAR KENTON  
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, BG**

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 1–the last day of Feb.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove, quail, waterfowl and fall turkey hunting.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit is one bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season

## HORNS BLUFF REFUGE

CROCKETT/GIBSON COUNTIES • 1,890 ACRES  
SIX MILES NORTHEAST OF ALAMO OFF HWY. 54  
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, BG, WF**

*Refuge closed Nov. 15–Feb. 15. Observation areas closed sunset to sunrise.*



Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28. Closed to quail hunting.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit is one bearded turkey. Counts toward the statewide bag limit. Walk-in hunting only.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season and bag limit.

**Waterfowl** - North unit (portion of refuge north of Middle Fork Forked Deer River Channel) open to waterfowl hunting on Saturday and Sunday during duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. Goose seasons to coincide with statewide seasons after the Youth/Military Waterfowl Season on the portion of Horn's Bluff WMA that is North of the main river channel. Walk-in only. No blinds, decoys, materials may be left overnight. All hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. except the last day of the season when hunting closes at sunset. No access before 4 a.m. or after 5 p.m. No access during refuge closure dates except for waterfowl hunters on open hunt days.

## JARRELL SWITCH REFUGE

CARROLL COUNTY • 250 ACRES  
NEAR MCKENZIE ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE OBION RIVER  
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, WF, BG**

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–last day of Feb.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to waterfowl hunting.

## JOHN TULLY

LAUDERDALE COUNTY • 15,500 ACRES  
HWY. 19 WEST OF RIPLEY AND HWY.  
87 WEST OF HENNING  
CHRIS PARK (731) 738-0233 • **SG, BG, WF**

*Camping is permitted in designated camp sites only. Some roads may be posted as closed to motorized vehicles during the deer hunts.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Deer** - Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28. Tree Stands must be marked with hunter's TWRA ID Number.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

**Dove - Special Youth Dove** - Open at noon Sept. 2 until sunset. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Youth fields open statewide the day following the youth hunt. Designated fields only.

**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons, except waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and youth/military seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset.

**Waterfowl (Fullen North and South Tracts)** - Waterfowl Hunting will be allocated by drawing for three-day hunts Friday-Sunday and opening weekend(s). The drawing will be announced prior to the hunt. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations.

**Waterfowl (Fig Field Unit)** - That land north of Grammar Road. Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by computerized draw for three-day hunts Friday-Sunday and opening weekend(s) including the Sat. youth hunts, and for the two Sunday Veteran and Active Military hunts.

Designated pools will be allocated by computer draw. Hunters are restricted to pools or number stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. All hunters in a party are required to hunt in the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out in draw pools over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. No access allowed from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck seasons occurring in Nov.-Feb. No permanent blinds.

**Quail** - Nov 4–Jan. 15.

**Camping** - Fort Pillow State Park managed campgrounds and two primitive camp sites on WMA (first come, first serve)

### LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES

STEWART COUNTY • 170,000 ACRES (60,000 IN TN) BETWEEN PARIS LANDING AND DOVER FOR INFORMATION CONTACT USDA FOREST SERVICE, LBL, 100 VAN MORGAN DRIVE, GOLDEN POND, KY 42211, (270) 924-2000 OR VISIT WWW.LANDBETWEENTHELAKES.US.

LBL Hunter Use Permit required.

All harvested deer and turkeys must be checked at an LBL check station before leaving LBL. All areas lying in Tennessee except: 1. Nature Watch Area, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and areas posted as closed. 2. The back half of Rushing Bay is closed to all activity Nov. 1–March 15.



### LICK CREEK

BENTON COUNTY • 198 ACRES EVAN GASKIN (731) 593-0588 • **SG, WF, BG**

Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.



Same as statewide seasons.



**Waterfowl** - hunting allowed from temporary blinds only which must be removed at the end of the day. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.



**Quail** - Nov 4–Jan. 15.

### MANESS SWAMP REFUGE

WEAKLEY AND GIBSON COUNTIES • 1,200 ACRES AT THE JUNCT. OF SOUTH & MIDDLE FORKS OF THE OBION RIVER ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, BG**

Closed Nov. 1 to the last day in February to all forms of use and trespass unless otherwise indicated. Designated observation areas will be open year-round.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Gibson County portion follows Unit CWD dates and bag limits beginning with August G/M/A Hunt (see page 28) through Oct. 31. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



**Turkey** - One non-quota turkey hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

### MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK AND NATURAL AREA

SHELBY COUNTY • 13,000 ACRES NEAR MILLINGTON, NORTH OF MEMPHIS CHRIS PARK (731) 738-0233 • **SG, WF, BG**

All hunters are required to register and obtain a free permit at the park headquarters (901) 876-5215. Rimfire rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader and archery equipment only. Centerfire rifles and handguns are prohibited. Wild hogs may be taken during deer season by licensed deer hunters.



Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday within statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to spring squirrel hunting. Small game hunters must meet blaze orange requirements. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates, including August G/M/A hunt. See page 28.



**Special Squirrel Hunt (Youth)** - Aug. 19.



**Waterfowl - Waterfowl Hunting (Draw Zone)** - All areas south of Pleasant View Road (Check Station Road) is draw area. All land north of Pleasant Land View (Check Station Road) and south of North Road (Boat Ramp Road) is non-draw area. Hunting during waterfowl season(s) occurring from Nov.–Feb. will be allocated by computer draw and is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. Decoys may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Hunts will be drawn for opening days of the late waterfowl season for each Thurs–Sat of the season including the Sat. youth hunts, and Sunday Veteran and Active Military hunts. Hunting will be limited to designated areas.

**Waterfowl Hunting Non-Draw Zone.** Same as statewide seasons on opening day(s) and Thur–Sat.



**Turkey (Young-Sportsman)** - One hunt: April 6. One bearded turkey.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Hunt days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.



**Trapping** - Beaver trapping by special permit only. Trapping of all other species prohibited.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Dog training** - Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, Sept. 1–March 15.

**Field Trials** - Sept. 1–April 30.



**Camping** - State park managed campgrounds

### MOSS ISLAND

DYER COUNTY • 5,119 ACRES SIX MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 20 ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER LEVEE, 23 MILES WEST OF DYERSBURG JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • **SG, WF, BG**

Dog training is closed. Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA prior to 2 hours before sunrise and be off WMA by one hour after sunset or legal hunting/shooting time.



Same as statewide season, except small game hunting is closed during the big game gun hunt and except as noted



**Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum** - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl, raccoon and opossum seasons are not closed during the big game hunts.



**Deer** - Open with statewide season dates but restricted to Archery Equipment Only - no hunting with muzzleloaders or guns for deer except in 7 day gun season listed below. Archery season is closed during the young sportsman gun hunts. Antlered deer must have nine antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty inches. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during regular statewide Muzzleloader and Gun Season dates.

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Dec. 16–22. One deer, antlered only. Antlered deer must have nine antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty inches.

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Open with statewide seasons. No antler requirement on this hunt.

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Special hunt. Oct. 21–22. No antler requirement. Either sex.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts towards statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.

### NATCHEZ TRACE STATE FOREST

BENTON/CARROLL/HENDERSON COUNTIES 48,000 ACRES • OFF I-40, EXIT 116 EVAN GASKIN (731) 593-0588 • **SG, BG**

Horses permitted on roads and trails open to motorized traffic and other trails or routes established for their use. Riding off roads into fields, woods, or on



foot trails is prohibited unless otherwise provided. All motorized vehicles must be muffler equipped to suppress noise and be spark-arrestor equipped to prevent fires. Operation of motorized vehicles is confined to roads not designated as closed. Off-road vehicles are restricted to roads open to other motorized traffic (except where prohibited by state or federal statute) and designated trails only. ORVs may be operated during daylight hours and at other times when participating in authorized activities. Driving off roads into woods, fields, or utility right-of-ways is prohibited for all motorized vehicles



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Henderson County portion follows Unit CWD dates and bag limits including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15

**Turkey** - Two weekly hunts (Tues-Wed and Fri-Sun) each week of spring turkey season. All hunts will be quota hunts and will be drawn prior to turkey season. Two hunt zones: North of I-40 and South of I-40. Hunter quota 48 per hunt per zone. One bearded turkey per hunt, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Shooting Range** - see tnwildlife.org for details.

**Camping** - Natchez Trace State Park managed campgrounds and cabins. Must contact State Park office.

## NEW HOPE

BENTON COUNTY • 88 ACRES  
EVAN GASKIN (731) 593-0588 • **SG, WF, BG**

*Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

## OBION RIVER

OBION/WEAKLEY/GIBSON COUNTIES • 8,500 ACRES ALONG THE OBION RIVER BETWEEN HWY. 45W AND HWY. 45E  
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, WF, BG**

### ALL UNITS

*Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA prior to 2 hours before sunrise and must be off of WMA by one*

*hour after sunset or legal hunting/shooting time. No permanent blinds. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.*

## BIG CYPRESS TREE STATE NATURAL AREA

Open to hunting same as Obion River WMA. Hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of the RIVER TRAIL BOARDWALK and RIVER TRAIL. Hunting with shotgun, muzzloader, rimfire, and archery only. Recovery of big game on RIVER TRAIL BOARDWALK is prohibited. Contact Park Manager during normal business hours for access through locked gate after hours. (731) 431-7168



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts towards statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

## MANESS SWAMP HUNTING UNIT

*North of state HWY. 445, Bordered by the South Fork and Middle Fork of the Obion rivers as marked.*

*Closed to all activities five days before each opening of the late duck season. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the late duck seasons. No waterfowl hunters permitted on Unit or Access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. For Gibson County portions, deer season follows Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A hunt. See page 28.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts towards statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl Hunting will be allocated by computerized drawings for 3 day hunts (Friday - Sunday) and Opening weekend(s). The drawings will be held prior to the hunt. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. except the last day of the waterfowl season(s) occurring in Nov.–Feb. and youth/military season(s) when hunting ends at sunset.

## PARKER BRANCH

GIBSON COUNTY • 263 ACRES  
OFF HWY. 186 BETWEEN GIBSON AND TRENTON  
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, BG, WF**

*Farm pond closed to fishing sunset to sunrise.*



Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28. Closed to quail hunting.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward the statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season and bag limit.

**Dog training** - Nov. 1–March 15.

## PERRY SWITCH

MADISON COUNTY • 210 ACRES  
SOUTHEAST OF JACKSON OFF OF DEEP GAP RD.  
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, WF, BG**



Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

## PRESIDENTS ISLAND

SHELBY COUNTY • 6,300 ACRES  
CHRIS PARK (731) 738-0233 • **BG**

*Hunters must check in at the hunter check station before hunting and check out at the completion of each day's hunt. Permit will be held while hunters hunt. Access allowed only to TWRA authorized personnel and permit holders, or as otherwise specified by rule or proclamation. Access permitted from Farm Road only. No access permitted from Mississippi River, McKellar Lake, or from the Causeway.*

*Youth permit holders must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.*

**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Oct 20–22. Hunter quota 30. Bag limit one antlered deer, which must have nine antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty inches. Scouting date Oct. 19 for the Oct. 20–22 permit holders only.

**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Dec. 1–3. Hunter quota 30. Bag limit one antlered deer, which must have

nine antlered points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty inches. Scouting date: Nov. 30 for the Dec. 1–3 permit holders only.

### REELFOOT

LAKE/OBION COUNTIES • 24,000 ACRES  
NORTH OF HWY. 22 AND EAST OF HWY. 78  
CHASE TAYLOR (731) 253-7343 • **REELFOOT PRESERVATION PERMIT**

*No WMA permits are required. However, in addition to regular hunting and fishing licenses, a Reelfoot Preservation Permit is required to hunt, trap, fish or boat on Reelfoot WMA, (including the washout and tailwaters downstream as marked, and that portion of Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge in Tennessee). The exceptions are Sportsman and Lifetime Sportsman License holders, youth under 16 and residents over 65.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunters (except waterfowl) must wear blaze orange during big game hunts. Closed to Spring and Fall Turkey hunting.



**Opossum - Raccoon** - Sunset, Aug. 25—the last day of Feb. No limit.



**Deer** - Same as statewide season except archery only from Nov. 18 until the end of the statewide deer seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag limit.



**Turkey - Young Sportsman Only** - Same as statewide season.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide waterfowl seasons. Waterfowl hunting closed at 3 p.m. (CST), except for last day of each segment of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. and the remaining Reelfoot goose seasons when hunting ceases at sunset.



**Waterfowl (wheelchair-bound only blind sites)** - Application must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchair-bound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.



**Youth Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound only blind sites)** - Application must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-

bound blind drawing. Youths, age 6–16, must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in position to take immediate control of the hunting device except as otherwise noted. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchair-bound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for the day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.



**Camping** - State Park managed campgrounds

### SERGEANT LEE RUSSELL REFUGE

CARROLL COUNTY – 570 ACRES  
WEST SIDE OF HWY. 77, KNOWN AS GORDON BROWN HWY.  
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide except as noted. Closed to all trespass from Nov. 15–last day in February.

### SHELBY FOREST

SEE MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK AND NATURAL AREA

### SOUTH FORK WATERFOWL REFUGE

MADISON COUNTY • 778 ACRES • ON HWY. 412  
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, BG, WF**



Same as statewide seasons, except closed to all activities five days before the first opening of the late duck season to Feb. 15. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. No access during refuge closure dates except for waterfowl hunters on open hunt days. Fall turkey season closed. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt; April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season and bag limit.



**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season permitted on Saturday and Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. All hunting ceases at 3 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of the season when hunting closes at sunset. Walk-in only. No blinds, decoys, materials may be left overnight. No access before 4 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

### SPRING CREEK

MADISON COUNTY – 439 ACRES  
WEST OF SPRING CREEK OFF OF HWY 152  
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

### THORNY CYPRESS

DYER COUNTY • 3,100 ACRES  
TRACT I — BETWEEN HWY. 104 AND I-155  
TRACT II — BETWEEN BOOTHSPPOINT RD. AND WHITE LAKE REFUGE  
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Areas within 150 yards of draw waterfowl pools are closed during small game, trapping and statewide deer gun season(s).



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt; April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts towards statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.



**Dog training** - Sept. 1–Oct. 31



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. permitted only on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck seasons and the youth/military waterfowl seasons. Goose season to coincide with statewide season after the youth waterfowl season, no pool restrictions or day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

Designated pools (except Pool 10, Pool 11 and Pool 12) will be allocated by computer draw pools. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to pools or number stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. All hunters in a party are required to hunt in the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day.

Pools 10, 11, and 12: No waterfowl hunters permitted in Pools 10, 11, and 12 (non-draw pools) and no access allowed from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck seasons occurring in Nov.-Feb. No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed daily from Pools 10, 11, and 12.

All waterfowl hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

### THREE RIVERS

OBION COUNTY • 1,577 ACRES  
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • SG, WF, BG

*West Unit is open to all forms of hunting during waterfowl season and the East Unit is closed to all activities five days before each opening of the late duck season. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the late duck season.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

**Turkey** - One non-quota: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Waterfowl (West Unit)** - No waterfowl hunters permitted on unit or access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.

**Waterfowl (East Unit)** - Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by computerized drawings for 3-day hunts (Friday - Sunday) and opening weekend(s). The drawings will be held prior to the hunt. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. except that last day of the waterfowl season(s) occurring in Nov.–Feb. and youth/military season(s) when hunting ends at sunset. Closed to all activities five days before each opening of the late duck season. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the late duck seasons. No waterfowl hunters permitted on Unit or Access area from 2 hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).

### TIGRETT

DYER COUNTY • 7,629 ACRES  
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, WF, BG

*Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA prior to two hours before sunrise and be off WMA by one hour after sunset or legal closing (or shooting) time.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting (excluding waterfowl hunting) closed on this area during the Young Sportsman hunts.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. No access to WMA by waterfowl hunters before 4 a.m.

### TULL BOTTOM

CHESTER COUNTY – 1,184 ACRES  
EAST OF HENDERSON ALONG THE SOUTH FORK OF THE FORKED DEER RIVER OFF OF HWY 200  
OFFICE (731) 687-3444 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

### TUMBLEWEED

LAKE COUNTY • 5,770 ACRES  
SOUTHWEST CORNER, ON HWY. 79  
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, BG, WF

*Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA prior to 2 hours before sunrise and be off WMA by one hour after sunset or legal hunting/shooting time.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Dove** - Same as statewide season. Hunting permitted from designated fields only.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

**Waterfowl** - Hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.

### WEST SANDY (SPRINGVILLE BOTTOMS)

HENRY COUNTY • 4,319 ACRES  
EVAN GASKIN (731) 593-0588 • SG, WF, BG

*All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before opening day of the statewide duck season. Beginning on the opening day of the regular waterfowl season and continuing until the last day of the regular waterfowl season, public access in the subimpoundment will only be allowed from 4:00 a.m. until two hours after legal shooting hours have ended.*

*Any temporary blinds, hides, and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blinds and be removed at the end of shooting hours each day.*

*Fishing, trapping and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.*



Same as statewide seasons.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. Any temporary blinds, hides and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blind and removed at the end of the hunt day.

**Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound Only Blind Sites)** - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchairbound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15. Closed during the late duck season.

### WHITE LAKE REFUGE

DYER COUNTY • 1,194 ACRES  
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, BG

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–the last day of February. Closed to dog training.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove, fall turkey, and waterfowl hunting.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

### WHITE OAK

HARDIN COUNTY • 7,000 ACRES  
SOUTHEAST OF MILLEDGEVILLE, OFF OF HWY. 69  
OFFICE (731) 687-3444 • SG, WF, BG

*All small game hunting is closed during Young Sportsman deer hunts. All water traffic prohibited five days before the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 13–May 5. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season and bag limit.



**Dove** - Sept. 1, noon-sunset. Continuing with statewide season.



**Quail** - Dec. 1–31



**Deer** - Same as statewide seasons, except archery-only deer hunting after Nov. 26. Archers must meet legal blaze orange requirements during this period. Closed to January Young Sportsman deer hunt.



**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. All types of water traffic prohibited after 5 p.m.

No waterfowl hunters permitted on the area or access areas before 4 a.m. opening day(s), and from 5 p.m. to 4 a.m. the following days during the late duck season.

**Waterfowl (Lebanon Pond)** - Lebanon Pond waterfowl hunting area will be allocated by computer draw as specified in the waterfowl quota hunt computer drawing and allocation procedures. Draw hunts will be Opening weekend(s), Monday-Thursday, and Friday-Sunday within the late waterfowl seasons. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary staked blind sites designated by GPS coordinates. Successful applicants and up to 7 guests will be required to hunt within 25 yards of staked blind sites and are required to hunt at the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may

be left out over the specified hunt period but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day of that period.

### WOLF RIVER AND GHOST RIVER STATE NATURAL AREA

FAYETTE COUNTY • 11,200 ACRES  
ON HWY. 57 EAST OF MEMPHIS, SOUTH OF LAGRANGE  
BRANDON GILBERT (901) 878-0855 • SG, BG, WF

*Ghost River Natural Area is open same as Wolf River WMA. Hunting or access to hunt from the boardwalk structure is prohibited.*



**Turkey** - Two weekly hunts (Tue-Wed and Fri-Sun) each week of spring turkey season. All hunts will be quota hunts and will be drawn prior to turkey season. Hunter quota 25 per hunt. One bearded turkey per hunt, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season and bag limit.

#### UNIT I (THAT PORTION SOUTH OF HWY. 57)



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Closed to fall turkey season. All small game hunting is closed during Young Sportsman deer hunts.



**Dove** - Sept. 1 at noon and every day thereafter during the remainder of the statewide dove seasons.



**Rabbit** - Nov. 4–Jan. 31, 2024



**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. Temporary blinds only.



**Shooting range** - Firing range open for rifle sight-in during the whole month of Oct. See [tnwildlife.org](http://tnwildlife.org) for more details. Coordinates of the range are (GPS N35.0026.63, W89.1759.93).



**Deer** - Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.



**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Jan. 31.

#### UNIT II (THAT PORTION NORTH OF HWY. 57)



Same as statewide season, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Two weekly hunts (Tues-Wed and Fri-Sun) each week of spring turkey season. All hunts will be quota hunts and will be drawn prior to turkey season. Hunter quota 25 per hunt for Units 1 and 2 combined. One bearded turkey per hunt and counts toward statewide bag limit.



**Deer** - Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 28.



**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. Temporary blinds only.



### AEDC AND WOODS RESERVOIR REFUGE

COFFEE/FRANKLIN COUNTIES  
PART OF THE ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE • 32,000 ACRES  
NEAR TULLAHOMA, I-24 EXIT 117  
MARK WINLAND (931) 967-6101 • SG, WF, BG

*All access is strictly controlled and all areas are subject to be closed by the military.*

**There are areas on AEDC that may contain unexploded ordnances** (small ammunition, anti-personnel mines, mortars, and artillery rounds). There are also areas on AEDC where open holes (manholes, wells, and sinkholes) are present. Hunters are advised to use caution. If any unexploded ordnances or holes are found – DO NOT TOUCH and notify the AEDC Operations Center at (931) 454-7752.

The following are **PROHIBITED** on AEDC property:

- Handguns (regardless of carry permit)
- Rifles (rim-fire and center-fire)
- Camping and fires outside of designated campgrounds
- Metal detectors or digging
- ATVs
- Horseback riding

**Big game and small game hunters are required to sign-in prior to hunting at one of three hunter sign-in stations.** Sign-in stations are located at the western (next to Harton Blvd.) and eastern (on Dixie Rd.) ends of Wattendorf Hwy. Hunters may also sign-in at the Hunter's Check Station on Old Brick Church Rd. Hunters should fill out a sign-in card and keep it on their person or visible in the windshield of their vehicle while hunting.



*Small game hunting and dog training are closed during all deer quota hunts. Raccoon/Opossum hunting is closed the night before a deer hunt.*

**Deer-Turkey-Archery Zones** may be hunted on any deer-turkey hunt by drawn hunters using archery equipment only. These areas are closed to small game hunting.

**WOODS RESERVOIR WATERFOWL REFUGE**



Dec. 1–Jan. 31 - All forms of trespass are prohibited. (For specific boundary lines see the TWRA website-WMA maps – AEDC WMA)

**Deer (Special Regulations)** - All deer hunting dates may change due to military training.

  **Deer (archery)** - Same as statewide seasons, except closed one day prior to and during scheduled quota deer hunts. Statewide bag *limits apply*.

**Deer (Young Sportsman-Shotgun-Muzzleloader)** - Same as statewide season. No hunter quota, Two deer, either sex only one may be antlered. (Bonus deer)

**Deer (Shotgun - Muzzleloader)** - Two hunts: Nov. 10–12, Nov. 24–26. 900 quota. Two deer either sex only one may be antlered. (Bonus deer)


  **Turkey (Spring and Fall)** - Same as statewide season.

Same as statewide seasons, except closed during deer quota hunts.


**Unit 1** is closed to small game hunting and trapping.


 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–Feb. 28.

**Unit 1** may only be hunted when the red entrance gate off of Rifle Range Road is open and signage lists Unit 1 as open.

**Unit 2** may only be hunted when the red gate off of Wattendorf HWY is open and the signage lists Unit 2 as open.

 **Waterfowl** - Same as statewide season, except open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays of the late duck season and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season. Hunting on Woods Reservoir is from registered blind sites only. During the early duck and goose seasons hunting is allowed outside of blind sites, except 150 yards from the bank starting at the pumping station going west to the Rowland's Creek causeway. Waterfowl hunting is allowed from registered blind sites during the scheduled deer hunts.

 Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA.

**ARNOLD HOLLOW**

WAYNE COUNTY • 7,844 ACRES  
NORTH OF WAYNESBORO  
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • **SG, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.


**BARK CAMP BARRENS**

COFFEE COUNTY • 2,800 ACRES  
MARK WINLAND (931) 967-6101 • **SG, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Rabbit** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Dog training (Rabbit and Quail)** - Sept. 1–Jan. 15. Dog training for the remainder of the year is open to all other species.

 **Quail** - Closed to hunting.

**BEAR HOLLOW MOUNTAIN**

FRANKLIN COUNTY • 22,000 ACRES  
STACY STEVENSON (931) 968-6215 • **SG, BG, HI**

*Special Use - ATVs may be used only to retrieve harvested deer. Hooved animal riders must stay on the designated trail and park their vehicles in designated parking areas at all times. Hooved animal riding permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*


*Hunter camping allowed only at designated campground (Lakeview). Fires permitted only in designated campgrounds. Access roads will be opened the 4th Saturday in Aug.*

*During daylight hours, all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or out of camp must wear blaze orange during the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.*

Same as statewide seasons and bag limits, except as noted. Only one antlerless deer per day.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA.

**BEAVER DAM CREEK**

HICKMAN COUNTY • 4,219 ACRES  
SOUTH OF CENTERVILLE  
REGION II OFFICE (615) 781-6622 • **SG, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



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 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**BROWNTOWN**

WAYNE COUNTY • 6,336 ACRES  
NORTH OF WAYNESBORO  
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • **SG, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**CEDAR HILL SWAMP**

ROBERTSON COUNTY • 200 ACRES  
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 294-5432 • **SG, WF, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**CHEATHAM**

CHEATHAM COUNTY • 20,810 ACRES  
SOUTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER, NEAR  
ASHLAND CITY  
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 294-5432 • **SG, BG**

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat*

*Conservation Permit. Riding is allowed in designated areas only. Horses and other saddle and pack animals are prohibited during big game seasons.*

*Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting closed one day prior and during all big game quota hunts.



Antlered deer must have at least four antler points on one side or a fifteen (15) inch minimum outside spread except during the Young Sportsman hunt. All harvested deer count toward the statewide bag limit.

**Deer (Archery Hunt)** - Sept. 30–Oct. 15. No quota. One deer antlered and one antlerless. Antler restrictions apply

**Deer (Young Sportsman Hunt, Non Quota)** - Oct. 21–22. One deer antlered and one antlerless. No antler restrictions.

**Deer (Muzzleloader Hunt)** - Two hunts: Oct. 27–29, Nov. 3–5. Hunter quota 450. One deer antlered and one antlerless. Antler restrictions apply

**Deer (Gun Hunt)** - Two hunts: Nov. 10–17, Nov. 18–25. Quota 450. One antlered and one antlerless. Antler restrictions apply.

**Deer (Gun Hunt, Non-quota)** - Nov. 26–Jan. 7. One antlerless deer.



**Turkey** - Same as statewide spring season. Bag limit one bearded bird during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two for the season with one being an adult gobbler.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Dog training** - Daylight hours only.



**Coyote** - Centerfire firearms are allowed year-round, except during any big game quota hunt. Quota permit holders may harvest a coyote with allowed weapon for that hunt. Daylight hours only.



**Shooting range** - Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (CST), 7 days a week. Automatic weapons prohibited. See tnwildlife.org for details.



Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA.

## CHEATHAM LAKE

CHEATHAM COUNTY • 5,152 ACRES  
OFF HWYS. 49 AND 12, WEST OF ASHLAND CITY  
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 294-5432 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons on Sycamore Creek upstream from railroad trestle, Harpeth River upstream from Highway 49 and on Johnson Creek upstream from Johnson Creek Bridge.

Hunting on remainder of Cheatham Lake WMA same as statewide season, except during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. when hunting is open only on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and the first and the last day of each segment of the late statewide duck season.

Hunting on Harpeth Island, Marks Creek, and Bluff Creek wade-in areas is not restricted to registered or staked temporary sites.

Night hunting, trapping and fishing prohibited in waterfowl impoundments during the waterfowl season.

The sub-impoundment units as posted are closed to all types of activity five days before the opening of the first segment of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.

Waterfowl hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and from staked temporary blind sites during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.



**Waterfowl (wheelchair-bound only blind site)** - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region II Office by noon on Oct. 28. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.



**Dove** - Same as statewide. Hunting permitted from designated fields only.



**Coyote** - Centerfire firearms are allowed year-round, except during any big game quota hunt. Quota permit holders may harvest a coyote with allowed weapon for that hunt. Daylight hours only.



**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15, except closed during duck seasons.

## CHEATHAM LAKE - PARDUE POND REFUGE AND DYSON DITCH REFUGE

**Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–the last day of February. Designated observation areas will be open year-round. Access by boat only.**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer hunting. All seasons closed during refuge closure dates unless otherwise indicated. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Turkey** - One hunt: Oct. 7–8. Hunter quota 50. Two bearded birds.

## EAGLE CREEK

WAYNE COUNTY • 22,000 ACRES  
NEAR WAYNESBORO  
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA.

## FLINTVILLE HATCHERY

LINCOLN COUNTY • 750 ACRES  
EAST OF FAYETTEVILLE ON HWY. 64  
REGION II OFFICE (615) 781-6622 • **NP**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer. Guns may be used on Young Sportsman hunts and during the fall turkey season. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Dog training** - Daylight hours only.

## HALEY-JAQUETH

WILLIAMSON COUNTY • 200 ACRES  
COLLEGE GROVE  
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



**Turkey** - Same as statewide spring season. Bag limit one bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two for the season. One bird must be an adult gobbler.



**Dove** - Sept. 2. Youth only (6–16) accompanied by a non-hunting adult, and shooting is from staked positions only. Sept. 4 and every Saturday thereafter of the 1st segment open to all ages. All hunting is on designated field only.



**Dog training** - Daylight hours only.

## HAPPY HOLLOW

HICKMAN COUNTY – 1,800 ACRES

LOCATED OFF HWY 50 NEAR ONLY  
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • **SG, WF, BG**

ATVs may only be used by hunters to retrieve deer. Any personal property left unattended for longer than 24 hours, without prior permission, may be impounded and may be disposed of according to state procedures. Treestands must be marked with the hunter's TWRA identification number. Camping in designated areas only, tent camping only. No motorized vehicle access to campground. Fires permitted only in fire pits.



Same as statewide season, except as noted. No hunting the night before or during big game hunts. Closed to fall turkey season.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Deer (Archery, Muzzlerloader, Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

**Deer (Gun)** - Three hunts: Nov. 18–20, Dec. 2–4, 16–18. Hunter quota 80. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).



**Turkey** - Two hunts: April 13–16, May 4–7. Hunter Quota 50. One bearded bird.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.



Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA.

## HAYNES BOTTOM

MONTGOMERY COUNTY • 971 ACRES  
NEAR DOTSONVILLE, ADJOINING THE  
CUMBERLAND RIVER  
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 294-5432 • **SG, WF, BG**

Night hunting, trapping, dog training and fishing prohibited in the waterfowl impoundment from Oct. 15–May 31.

Participating waterfowl hunters only in the bottoms from the beginning of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. through the conclusion of the youth waterfowl hunt.



Same as statewide seasons, except archery equipment only for deer and otherwise as noted. During the late duck season, waterfowl and small game hunting is open only on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.



**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting permitted only from registered blind sites beginning with the first day of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.



- Same as statewide, except archery equipment only.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Dog training** - Open year-round. Daylight hours only.

## HEADWATERS

CANNON COUNTY – 600 ACRES (IN 4 PARCELS)  
NEAR WOODBURY  
MARK VANCE (615) 355-0914 • **SG, BG**

No ATVs permitted. Parking in designated areas only. No parking at Blanton School Road gate (May 31–Sept. 15). Use River Road Trail access/parking during Blanton School Gate closure.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.



**Dove** - Field with staked positions provided.

Blaze orange required by all users during deer muzzlerloader and gun hunts. Night hunting prohibited.



**Dog training** - Daylight hours only.

## HICK HILL

LEWIS COUNTY • 3,608 ACRES  
SOUTH OF HOHENWALD  
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

## HICKORY FLATS

COFFEE COUNTY • 623 ACRES  
MARK WINLAND (931) 967-6101 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

## LAUREL HILL

LAWRENCE COUNTY • 14,952 ACRES  
WEST OF LAWRENCEBURG OFF HWY. 64  
CHECKING STATION: 74 VFW ROAD,  
LAWRENCEBURG (931) 762-4537

PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • **SG, BG, HI, WF**

*Special Use - ATVs allowed on roads open to motor vehicle traffic only. All hooved animals must be ridden on designated trails or roads open to motorized vehicles. Hooved animals and ATV riding on trails and roads is prohibited during all big game seasons.*

*Hooved animal riding and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*

*Use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.*



**Dove** - Same as statewide season, except closed during deer hunts.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting is closed at sunset the day before and during big game hunts.

Coyotes may be taken during daylight hours only during any open season with weapons specified for that season. Coyotes may be taken during quota hunts by permitted hunters.

Bobcats may be taken on big game hunts that coincide with statewide season dates and may be taken with weapon legal for that hunt.

**Fox Chasing** - No fox chasing permitted.



**Opossum - Raccoon** - Sept. 1–Feb. 29. Bag limit two raccoon per person per night. Opossum: no limit.



Special Antlered Deer Regulations apply on all deer hunts. Antlered deer must have at least four antler points on one side or a 15-inch minimum outside spread.

**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Sept. 16–Oct. 1. Three deer, either sex, only one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Oct. 14–15. One deer, either sex. No antler restrictions (bonus deer). WMA Check Station open.

**Deer (Muzzlerloader)** - One hunt: Oct. 19–22. Hunter quota 500. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer). WMA Check Station open.

**Deer (Gun)** - Two hunts. Nov. 10–12, 24–26. Hunter quota 500. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer). WMA Check Station open.

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt. Dec. 1–3. Hunter quota 500. One deer, antlered or antlerless. (bonus deer). WMA Check Station open.




**Turkey** - Same as statewide season.




**Waterfowl** - Jan. 13–28. On the WMA, goose (not waterfowl) hunting is permitted only in the fields. On Laurel Hill lake, waterfowl hunting (duck and goose) is allowed by boat only. Same as statewide bag limits.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Trapping** - Dec. 5, 2023–Feb. 11, 2024

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15, except during big game hunts, daylight hours only.

 Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA.

**SHIELDS FARM UNIT**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Centerfire rifles and handguns prohibited.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**MAPLE SPRINGS**

COFFEE COUNTY • 122 ACRES  
NORTH OF MANCHESTER  
MARK WINLAND (931) 967-6101 • **SG, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.


 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**MINGO SWAMP**

FRANKLIN COUNTY • 460 ACRES  
WEST OF WINCHESTER  
STACY STEVENSON (931) 968-6215 • **SG, WF, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Dove (Youth Only)** - Sept. 2. Youth only (6–16) must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.

**Dove** - Sept. 3. Entire WMA open to all ages for the remainder of the statewide dove season.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**MTSU**

HICKMAN COUNTY • 995 ACRES  
WEST OF CENTERVILLE  
REGION II OFFICE (615) 781-6622 • **SG, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**NORMANDY**

BEDFORD/COFFEE COUNTIES • 750 ACRES  
ON NORMANDY LAKE  
MARK WINLAND (931) 967-6101 • **SG, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**OLD HICKORY**

SUMNER/WILSON/TROUSDALE COUNTIES  
NORTH OF LEBANON ON OLD HICKORY LAKE  
MICHAEL BOBEL (615) 444-6673


*WMA consists of 6,000 huntable acres in narrow strips of land along the 21,700 acres of water on Old Hickory Lake. Of the 6,000 acres only 1,000 acres have public land access. The remaining 5,000 acres are primarily accessible by water.*

**UNIT I**


HIGHWAY 109 UPSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 267  
EXCLUDING LOCK 5 REFUGE • **SG, WF, BG**


  

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting is closed after 3 p.m. (CST) during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. The sub-impoundment units as posted are closed to all types of activity five days prior to the opening of the first segment of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. Raccoon and opossum hunting, trapping and fishing are prohibited in sub-impoundments during the late waterfowl season.


 **Dove** - Sept. 2 on Barton's Creek. Youth only (6–16), must be accompanied by a licensed non-hunting adult. Hunting begins at 6 a.m. (CST).

**Dove** - Sept. 4 and every Wednesday and Friday, Saturday, Sunday during the first segment of the statewide season.

 **Turkey** - Same as statewide spring season. Bag limit one bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two for the season. One bird must be an adult gobbler.

 **Waterfowl** - Same as statewide season. Hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and staked temporary blind sites during the duck/goose season occurring in Nov.–Feb. Legal shooting hours end at 3 p.m. (CST) except on the last day of each season segment when statewide hours apply.

 **Waterfowl (wheelchair-bound only blind site)** - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region II Office by noon on the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15, except closed during duck seasons.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.


**UNIT II**


HWY. 109 DOWNSTREAM TO OLD HICKORY DAM • **SG, WF, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Turkey** - Same as statewide spring season. Bag limit one bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two for the season. One bird must be an adult gobbler.

 **Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting from registered blind sites only, except during the early duck season. All goose hunting is from registered blinds only.


**UNIT III**


FROM RIVER MILE 267 UPSTREAM TO THE OLD LOCK 6 SITE AT RIVER MILE 281 • **SG, WF, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Turkey** - Same as statewide spring season. Bag limit one bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two for the season. One bird must be an adult gobbler.

 **Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting from temporary blinds only. Decoys must be picked up each day.

**OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE**

TROUSDALE/WILSON COUNTIES • 900 ACRES  
NORTH OF LEBANON; LOCATED FROM HWY. 231  
UPSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 265.5  
MICHAEL BOBEL (615) 444-6673 • **SG, BG**


**Public use, including all forms of trespass, is prohibited from Nov. 15 to the last day of February. Public entry and fishing permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Closed to waterfowl hunting.**

**OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE (NORTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER)**



  



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.


 **Turkey** - Same as statewide season. Bag limit one bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two for the season. One bird must be an adult gobbler.

**OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE (SOUTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER) BOAT ACCESS ONLY**

  **Deer, Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)** - Sept. 16–17, 23–24, Oct. 7–8, 14–15. Archery equipment only.

**Deer (Young Sportsman Only)** - Oct. 21–22, 28–29, Nov. 4–5. Archery and muzzleloader equipment only. All hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)** - Oct. 14–15, 21–22, Nov. 4–5. Archery and shotgun equipment only. All hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements.

 **Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)** - Same as statewide turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two for the season. One bird must be an adult gobbler.

**OWL HOLLOW MILL**

FRANKLIN COUNTY • 3,000 ACRES  
NEAR TIMS FORD LAKE  
STACY STEVENSON (931) 968-6215 • **SG, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**PERCY PRIEST**

DAVIDSON/RUTHERFORD/WILSON COUNTIES  
TWO UNITS CONSISTING OF 10,768 HUNTABLE  
ACRES SURROUNDING 14,500 ACRES OF WATER  
BORDERING PERCY PRIEST LAKE  
MARK VANCE (615) 355-0914


Centerfire rifle prohibited on all units.


**UNIT I**  
NEAR LAVERGNE NORTH OF SMYRNA AIR  
BASE • 1,408 ACRES • **SG, BG**



**Unit I closed to all activity from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except as noted. Trucks and ATVs allowed off-road during field trials.**



All activities, except dove hunts on designated fields and scheduled field trials, prohibited on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Sept. 1–April 30.


Additional WMA closures for special field trial dates are determined by the manager. See website for closures.


 **Dove** - Sept. 1, and each Saturday and Sunday thereafter, and Labor Day during the first and second segments of the statewide season. Shooting from staked positions only. On Sept. 1, staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10 a.m. (CST) and hunters must check out at the conclusion of their hunt. Successful applicants must be at their staked position at the start of shooting hours.


 **Squirrel** - Same as statewide season, except as noted.

  **Quail - Rabbit (Young Sportsman)** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15. Same as statewide seasons, except Monday through Thursday only. Shotguns only. Each Youth must be accompanied by an adult who may not hunt or carry weapons. Each adult must possess a valid hunting license and an area permit.

  **Deer, Turkey (Archery Only)** - Same as statewide seasons, except closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday and except as noted.

 **Deer (Muzzleloader)** - Nov. 13–16, 20–23. Statewide bag limits. Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Remainder of deer season is archery only.

 **Turkey** - Same as statewide turkey season, except closed every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until April 30. Bag limit one bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two for the season. One bird must be an adult gobbler.

 **Dog training** - Year-round. License and permit requirements apply. Training from horseback prohibited before Oct. 1st. Blank ammunition only. Daylight hours only.

**Field Trials** - Sept. 1–April 30 in designated areas only. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager. Field trial applications must be submitted to the TWRA Region 2 office at least 30 days in advance of trial dates. Participants in sanctioned field trials may train 72 hours before and after scheduled trial dates without license and permit requirement. Field trial gallery must be kept out of standing planted crops by marshals provided by sponsoring clubs.


Rabbit and bird dog training are restricted to September 1st to April 30th.

**UNIT II • SG, BG, WF**


  


Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is shotgun/muzzleloader/archery only. Fall turkey is archery only.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Turkey** - Same as statewide season. Bag limit one bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the

statewide season, not to exceed two for the season. One bird must be an adult gobbler.

 **Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons. Temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–April 30. No hunting or training from horseback.

**SHELTON FERRY**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY • 628 ACRES  
SOUTH OF CLARKSVILLE  
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 792-4510 • **SG, WF, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is archery equipment only, except during Young Sportsman hunts.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Firing Range** - Montgomery County Shooting Complex, see tnwildlife.org for details.

**TIE CAMP**

WAYNE COUNTY • 3,280 ACRES  
NORTH OF WAYNESBORO  
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • **SG, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**WILLIAMSPORT**


MAURY COUNTY • 1,722 ACRES  
ON HWY. 50 APPROXIMATELY 10 MI. WEST OF  
COLUMBIA  
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • **SG, BG, HI**


*Special Use - No riding during scheduled Big Game hunts. Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*

*Open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset on quota hunt days. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. No camping allowed.*

Same as statewide seasons, except big game seasons have specific dates and closed thereafter. Night hunting not allowed. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

 **Dove** - Same as statewide season, except open only on Sept. 1 and every Saturday during the first segment. Designated fields only. Shooting from staked positions only on Sept. 1. On Sept. 1, staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10 a.m. (CST). Hunters must be present at drawing and must check out at the conclusion of the hunt. Successful applicants must be at the staked position at legal shooting hours.

 **Deer (Archery)** - Three hunts: Sept. 16–18, 23–25, Oct. 7–9. Two deer, either sex, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Two hunts: Oct. 21–22, Oct. 28–29. Two deer, only one can be antlered (bonus deer).


**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - One hunt: Nov. 4–6. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).


**Deer (Gun)** - Four hunts: Nov. 18–20, 25–27, Dec. 2–4, 9–11. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

 **Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: April 6–7. One bearded bird.

**Turkey** - One hunt: April 13–26. One bearded bird.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Crow** - Sept. 1–Feb. 29. All crow hunting is limited to Saturdays during the month of September during the first segment of dove season, thereafter on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15, daylight hours only.

## YANAHLI

MAURY COUNTY • 12,800 ACRES  
SOUTH EAST OF COLUMBIA  
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • SG, WF, BG, HI

*Special Use - Horses and other saddle and pack animals are prohibited during big game seasons. ATVs are prohibited.*

*Hooved animal riding permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*

**Hooved animal riding:** possession of alcohol prohibited, must ride on designated trails only.


*The use of any alcoholic beverages is prohibited by all users. During daylight hours, all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or out of camp must wear blaze orange during the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.*


*Treestands must be marked with the hunter's TWRA identification number. Any personal property left unattended for longer than 24 hours, without prior permission, may be impounded and may be disposed of according to state procedures.*


**Big Game** **Small Game**   

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Center-fire can be used outside of any big game hunt and may be used during the deer gun season.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Turkey** - Same as statewide season. Bag limit one bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two for the season. One bird must be an adult gobbler.

 **Firing Range** - Open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays Oct - Dec. 12 p.m.–5 p.m. (CST). Automatic weapons prohibited. See tnwildlife.org for details.

 Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA.

## REGION III WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS



### ALPINE MOUNTAIN

OVERTON COUNTY • 1,642 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG

**Big Game** **Small Game** 

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

### BLACKBURN FORK


SOUTHEASTERN JACKSON COUNTY – 600 ACRES  
WEST OF HWY 135, NORTH OF LANDFORD HILL RD,  
EAST OF SEVEN KNOBS RD AND SOUTH OF DANIEL  
HILL LANE  
JOHNNY POSTON (615) 342-9307 • SG, BG

*Use of motorized vehicles or horseback riding prohibited. Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.*

**Big Game** **Small Game** 

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15

## BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS

WHITE COUNTY • 20,000 ACRES  
ON THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY LINE  
6 MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 705  
NATHAN WILHITE (931) 935-3280 • SG, BG


*No ATVs, motorcycles or hooved animal riding permitted. Closed to all non-hunting activities during deer hunts. Closed to all non-hunting activities during spring turkey season until 12 noon CDT. Antlered deer must have a minimum of four points on one antler or a fifteen inch minimum outside spread. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.*


**Small Game** 

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to all hunting March 1 through the fourth Friday in August, except during spring turkey and squirrel seasons. Closed to quail hunting. Rabbit and Woodcock hunting open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only.

**Big Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except deer season is closed Nov. 10–17 and after Dec. 9.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15. Dog training open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only.

 **Camping** - During big game hunts, camping is allowed for big game hunters only.

### BIG BOTTOM UNIT • SG, BG, HI


*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling, and OHV use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*

*Unauthorized entry is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.*

*Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.*

**Big Game** **Small Game** 

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to Quail hunting. Rabbit and Woodcock hunting open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15. Open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only.

## CATOOSA

CUMBERLAND/MORGAN COUNTIES • 79,740 ACRES  
I-40 EXITS, PEAVINE, GENESIS, AND WESTEL ROADS

**DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, HI**

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. OHVs permitted from the fourth Saturday in August through the second Sunday in June. OHVs, bicyclists, and hooved animal riders may not enter the area except through gated TWRA access points. During big game hunts, the area is open only to legal big game hunting participants. Guides prohibited on all hunts. Deer hunters and Hog control participants are required to check out big game and wild hogs at the WMA check stations when in operation. Hunters are required to tag their harvest with paper transportation tags prior to transporting it to the nearest check station. Hunters are encouraged to be cautious when handling harvested hogs due to multiple documented cases of Brucellosis at Catoosa. Catoosa WMA will be closed to all users Feb. 1 through the last Friday in March except for walk-in small game hunting and trapping from Feb. 1–last day of Feb. Closed to all hunting March 1–fourth Friday in August, except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons. Attention Cumberland Trail Corridor users: Pedestrian access through the Catoosa WMA on the Cumberland Trail corridor will be allowed year round. During all deer, turkey and wild hog control hunts, all users within the Cumberland Trail corridor must wear visible fluorescent clothing and remain within 100 feet on either side of the trail. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunrise and sunset.*



Same as statewide seasons, except closes at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts, unless otherwise noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Trapping and small game hunting closed during wild hog control season. Closed to quail hunting and dog training.

Rifles and handguns using center-fire ammunition are legal for hunting beaver, bobcat, fox, coyote, groundhog and crow only during big game seasons and the hunter must be a licensed legal big game hunter. During big game hunts, coyotes may be taken with any weapon legal for that hunt. Chasing fox, coyote or bobcat with dogs is not permitted.



**Opossum - Raccoon** - Nov. 1 to sunrise Dec. 31, except closes at sunset on the day before and during scheduled big game hunts.



**Deer** - On all hunts, antlered deer must have a minimum of four points on one antler or a fifteen inch minimum outside antler spread. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

**Deer/Bear (Archery)** - One hunt: Sept. 30–Oct. 8. Archery equipment only. Area checking stations operated. Entire area open. Two deer no more than one antlered (deer counts towards statewide bag limit). Bears may be taken with any weapon legal for the hunt. One bear, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - Two hunts: Oct. 26–28, Nov. 16–18. Station quota per hunt: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, antlered only (counts toward statewide bag limit).

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Nov. 9–11. Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, antlered only (counts toward statewide bag limit).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Oct. 21–22. Two deer, no more than one antlered (counts toward statewide bag limit).

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Nov. 30–Dec. 2. Entire area open. One deer, antlered only (counts toward statewide bag limit).

**Wild Hog (Control Season - Dogs Permitted)** - Dec. 6–10, 13–17 Entire area open. No limit, either sex.

All participants in the hog control season must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange, visible front and back. Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking deer, bear or elk. Legal hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset. Checking stations open on Catoosa—all hogs must be transported whole to the checking stations for data collection.

**Bullfrog** - April 1–Sept. 1. No hunting during turkey hunts.



**Turkey** - Six hunts: April 19–21, 23–25, April 30–May 2, May 3–5, 7–9, 10–12. One bearded turkey per hunt, counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: April 27–28. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.



**Trapping** - Dec. 15–last day of Feb.



**Firing Range (Genesis Checking Station)** - Open daily except during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Permit required. See [tnwildlife.org](http://tnwildlife.org) for details.

**Shooting Range (Peavine Campground)** - Open April 1–Jan. 31, except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Permit required. See [tnwildlife.org](http://tnwildlife.org) for details.



**Camping** - During big game hunts, camping is allowed for big game hunters only.

**CROOKED FORK UNIT**  
MORGAN COUNTY 1,600 ACRES  
DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, HI

*Rifles and handguns using center-fire ammunition are prohibited.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Closed to all hunting March 1 through the fourth Friday in August, except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons. Chasing fox, coyote, or bobcat with dogs is not permitted.

**Big Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except deer season is closed after Dec. 8. Archery equipment, shotguns and muzzleloaders only for deer hunting. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



**Dog training** - Dog training is closed

**CHARLOTTE ANN FINNELL NEAL**

BRADLEY COUNTY • 495 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG

*Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season closes Dec. 9. Archery equipment only for deer hunting.

**Small Game**

Small game open Dec. 9–last day of Feb., except as noted. Squirrel season open from Aug. 26–Sept. 22, and during spring squirrel season. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

**SOUTH CHEROKEE**

ALONG THE TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA STATE LINE SOUTH OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK • 300,000 ACRES  
MITCH CLURE (423) 884-6767 • BG

*Includes former Ocoee and Tellico Units. Bear reserves are closed to all big game hunting when the bear season (dogs permitted) is open on the South Cherokee. It is illegal to possess firearms with any breed of dog other than pointing breeds during daylight hours, excluding bear season, except as provided. Cherokee WMA Non-quota Big Game permit (Type 095 or Type 094) or Sportsman License required to hunt the non-quota big game hunts. Some roads normally open to public travel may be closed from Dec. 15–March 31. Wild hog may be taken during any deer or bear hunt with no limit. During gun and muzzleloader Big Game hunts all wild hog hunters must comply with the blaze orange requirements. A bear hunter who has filled the daily or seasonal limit may continue to carry a firearm and take wild hogs where incidental taking is allowed. Closed to all hunting March 1 through the 4th Friday in Aug. except turkey season.*



Same as statewide, except as noted.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15. Small game hunters, except raccoon and opossum hunters, must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.

Spring squirrel season is closed. Small game hunting in bear reserves and party hunt area during scheduled party hunts prohibited one day before and during bear (dogs permitted) hunts.

Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting outside of bear reserves during bear dog hunts and Jan. 1–last day of February. Squirrel hunters utilizing dogs during bear hunts are limited to a maximum of two dogs per vehicle.

Season open on groundhog, fox and skunk during any small game hunt with weapons legal for that small game hunt. Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapon legal for that scheduled hunt. Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Bobcat hunting with dogs is prohibited.



**Deer/Bear (Archery)** - Sept. 16–28 one deer, antlered or antlerless, counts toward statewide bag limit. One bear either sex outside the bear reserve.

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - One hunt: Oct. 23–29. One deer, antlered only (deer counts towards state wide bag limit).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Oct. 21–22. One deer, antlered or antlerless (deer counts towards state wide bag limit).

**Deer (Gun)** - Two hunts: Nov. 18–26, Dec. 11–25. Two deer, antlered only (deer counts towards statewide bag limit).



**Bear (Gun - Dogs Permitted)** - Five hunts: Sept. 30–Oct. 1, Oct. 7–13, Oct. 30–Nov. 3, Nov. 27–Dec. 10, Dec. 28–31. One bear, either sex. Hunting confined to that area outside the Ocoee and Tellico Bear Reserves.

**Bear Party-Dog Hunts (Gun - Dogs Permitted)** - Four hunts: Sept. 30–Oct. 1, Oct. 7–8, 30–31, Nov. 27–28. Quota party dog hunts, 75 permits per party. One party permitted in each of the following areas: Upper Tellico, Lower Tellico, Upper Bald River, and Lower Bald River. One bear, either sex. Party-Dog Area closed during scheduled quota party-dog hunts. See below for more details.

Non-hunting juveniles under the age of 13 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years old or older) who has a valid party-hunt permit. Juveniles must also comply with all regulations specified for permitted hunters.



**Opossum, Raccoon** - Outside of Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Nov. 4–16, Jan. 1–last day of Feb. Inside Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Jan. 1–31, hunters are limited to a maximum of two dogs per vehicle. The only legal weapons on a raccoon hunt are .22 caliber short and long rifles.



**Bear Dog Training Season** - Sept. 6–15. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.



**Turkey** - Same as statewide spring turkey season.



**Trapping** - Jan. 1–through last day of Feb.



**Shooting Range** - Open daylight hours only. See [tnwildlife.org](http://tnwildlife.org) for details.

**Safety Zone** - On the Cherokee WMA, hunting or discharging a firearm is prohibited within 150 yards of a developed recreation area, campsite, residence, building, occupied area, across or on a National Forest system road. Contact the appropriate U.S. Forest Service office for more information.

**Horseback riding** - Horseback riding on properties owned by the U.S. Forest Service shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service regulations. Contact the U.S. Forest Service (423-476-9700). On those properties owned or leased by the TWRA, horseback riding is only allowed upon roads opened for vehicle travel. No riding off road into openings, fields, trails or through streams.



**Dog training** - Dog training prohibited unless otherwise specified. The use or possession of any electronic tracking devices from March 1–Aug. 15 is illegal. Hunting of coyotes with dogs is prohibited.



**Camping** - On Forest Service sites, available seasonally.

## CHICKAMAUGA

BRADLEY/HAMILTON/MCMINN/MEIGS/RHEA COUNTIES • 4,000 ACRES • SG, WF, BG

SODDY CREEK, SALE CREEK, COTTONPORT, YELLOW CREEK AND WASHINGTON FERRY BRIAN LETNER (423) 365-9571

CANDIES CREEK, JOHNSON BOTTOMS, ROGER'S CREEK JASON JACKSON (423) 614-3018

## RESERVE INFORMATION

### South Cherokee Bear Reserves

#### OCOEE BEAR RESERVE

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area and private inholdings bounded on the north by Ocoee Lake and Ocoee River, on the south by the Tennessee/Georgia state line and on the east and west by the National Forest Boundary.

#### TELLICO BEAR RESERVE

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area in Monroe County that lies north of the Tellico-Robbinsville Road, east of Forest Service Road 35, south of Forest Service Road 26 and west of the ridge running from Farr Gap through Little Fodderstack to Big Fodderstack and following the North Carolina state line to the Tellico-Robbinsville Road.

For other bear reserves, see page 33.

## HUNT COMPARTMENTS

### Cherokee Party Hunt Compartments

#### UPPER TELLICO

The portion of the Tellico River drainage lying north of the Tellico River Road, south of the North River Road and west of the North Carolina line.

#### LOWER TELLICO

That portion of the Tellico River drainage lying east of Turkey Creek, north of the Tellico River Road and North of the North River Road, west of the North Carolina state line, and south of the Cherochala Skyway (Hwy. 165).

#### UPPER BALD RIVER

That portion of the Bald River and Tellico River drainages lying south of the Tellico River Road, south of the Bald River Road, east of the Waucheesi Mountain Road, and north of the North Carolina state line.

#### LOWER BALD RIVER

That portion of the Bald River and Tellico River drainages lying south of the Tellico River Road, east of the Basin Lead Trail (FS trail 161), and north of the Bald River Road.

ALL OTHER CHICKAMAUGA UNITS  
ROB KLIPPEL (423) 693-6791

**SODDY CREEK, SALE CREEK**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Deer hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements during the statewide deer gun or muzzleloader seasons. Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl). Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller.

**COTTONPORT, WASHINGTON FERRY, SHELTON BOTTOMS, MUD CREEK, NEW BETHAL, MOON ISLAND, GOODFIELD CREEK, GILLESPIE BEND, LEDFORD ISLAND, AGENCY CREEK, SUGAR CREEK, SOUTH MOUSE CREEK UNITS**



Same as statewide hunting and trapping seasons. No waterfowl hunters permitted on units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck season(s). Closed to quail hunting.


**CANDIES CREEK, JOHNSON BOTTOMS, ROGERS CREEK, YELLOW CREEK UNITS**




Same as statewide seasons, except units closed to all forms of trespass including fishing, trapping and hunting for all species except waterfowl (excluding Candies Creek Upland Unit) from the first opening day of the late duck season until the last day of the late duck season and on the day before and during the Youth Waterfowl hunts. Closed to quail hunting.

**CANDIES CREEK UPLAND UNIT**

WMA Property east of Candies Creek and west of Lower River Road. Big Game and small game same as statewide hunting and trapping seasons.

 **Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the first and last day of the duck season. Waterfowl hunting ends at 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday only. No waterfowl hunters or other activities permitted on units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck seasons. Hunting is allowed only from registered blinds sites. Blind sites and hunting dates will be allocated through a computer drawing (See page 44 for more specific information). On the Yellow Creek Unit a canoe or kayak may be beneficial for access. Hunters selected for a blind site may bring up to seven additional hunters. No more than eight hunters per blind. No blind site may be hunted unless a hunter selected for that assigned blind site and date is present. Hunters may leave in place decoys and a temporary blind at their blind site during their assigned hunt date, but must remove all decoys at the end of their last hunt date. Young Sportsman and military hunters may hunt blind sites during the

youth and the military waterfowl seasons on a first come, first serve bases. Hunters during these seasons must enter the hunting area only from established TWRA parking areas.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15, except closed during late duck season.


**CORDELL HULL**


JACKSON/SMITH COUNTIES • 25,000 ACRES  
JOHNNY POSTON (615) 342-9307 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Wheelchair-bound hunter zone open to wheelchair-bound hunters only.

 **Wheelchair-Bound Hunter Only Zone** - That area in the old “Corps of Engineers Roaring River Campground” area of Cordell Hull WMA (north of Hwy. 135, north of Roaring River, south and east of Hwy. 85 and west of Old Roaring River Iron Bridge Road).

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

 **Camping** - Army Corp of engineer campgrounds, available seasonally.

**DEFEATED CREEK UNIT**

Same as statewide seasons except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Shotguns only for small game hunting.

Defeated Creek Unit is that area of Defeated Creek that extends from the main river channel to the Corps of Engineers boundary along Defeated Creek excluding Defeated Creek Recreational Area.


**CORDELL HULL REFUGE**

JACKSON COUNTY • 600 ACRES  
NEAR GAINESBORO BETWEEN FREESTATE BRIDGE  
HWY 85A AND HWY 56 BRIDGE  
JOHNNY POSTON (615) 342-9307 • **SG, WF, BG**

*Public use including all forms of trespass and hunting is prohibited from Nov. 15–last day of Feb., except as otherwise indicated. Public entry permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Fishing by boat allowed during refuge closure in marked river channel only.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season closed after Nov. 14. All seasons closed during refuge closure dates including dog training. Closed to quail hunting.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15, daylight hours only. Closed to training during refuge closure dates.

**EDGAR EVINS STATE PARK**




DEKALB COUNTY • 6,000 ACRES  
ON CENTER HILL LAKE  
MANAGED BY EDGAR EVANS SP (931) 646-3080  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to spring squirrel hunting on north side of Center Hill Lake.

**Deer (Archery)(Safety Zone)** - Oct. 31–Nov. 1, Hunter quota 100, Bag limit two deer, first deer harvested must be antlerless (bonus deer). Sign up for handheld drawing will be 8 a.m.-10 a.m. on Sept. 6 at the Park Office.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.


 **Dog training** - Same as statewide seasons, except closed on north side of Center Hill Lake.


**FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK**




BLEDSOE/VAN BUREN COUNTIES • 7,000 ACRES  
OFF HWY. 30 BETWEEN PIKEVILLE AND SPENCER  
MANAGED BY FALL CREEK FALLS SP (423)881-5298  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **BG**

*Dog training prohibited. Vehicle parking restricted to designated parking areas only during the hunting season. No parking allowed on roadside grass. All deer and turkey hunters must sign register at Park Headquarters before hunting. Harvested big game must be checked in at Park Headquarters. Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.*

 **Squirrel** - Dec. 1–last day of Feb. Spring squirrel season is closed.

 **Deer (Archery)** - Four hunts: Nov. 4–6, 7–9, 10–12, Dec. 8–10. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). While deer hunting, one bearded turkey may be harvested and will count toward your statewide bag limit. For a hunt map, call park office.

 **Turkey (Archery)** - One hunt: April 13–21. One bearded turkey per day, not to exceed two turkeys with one being an adult gobbler. Counts towards statewide bag limit.

 **Camping** - Park managed campgrounds

**FOURTH FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP**

POLK COUNTY • 520 ACRES  
NEAR COPPER HILL  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **NP**

*Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for big game. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzle-loader and gun seasons. Beagles and pointing breeds only. Dogs not permitted during spring squirrel season. Small game hunting with shotguns only, using No. 6 shot or smaller.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Dog training** - Beagles and pointing breeds only. No dog training allowed during spring turkey season.

### HARP

BLED SOE COUNTY • 285 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

### HIWASSEE REFUGE

MEIGS/RHEA COUNTIES • 2,500 ACRES  
ON CHICKAMAUGA RESERVOIR  
JASON JACKSON (423) 614-3018 • **SG, WF, BG**

*Refuge is closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 through the last day of Feb., except the wildlife viewing area is open year-round. During refuge closure, public entry and fishing is permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with hunting implements legal for that scheduled hunt. Beaver and coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. Season open on groundhog, fox and skunk during any scheduled small game hunt. All seasons closed during refuge closure date unless otherwise indicated. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is required for small game hunting. Small game hunting and dog training is closed at sunset on the day before and during scheduled big game hunts, unless special exception is indicated.*



**Dove** - Sept. 1 & 14. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.

**Dove (Youth)** - Sept. 9. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.

**Squirrel** - Same as statewide seasons except as noted.

**Rabbit** - Oct. 30–Nov. 14. Bag limit of three per day.

**Opossum, Raccoon** - Sept. 5–Nov. 8. Hunting will be limited to Tuesday and Wednesday nights only.

**Canada Goose** - Sept. 1–15. No goose hunters permitted on refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day.

**Wood Duck, Teal** - Same as Sept. Wood Duck/Teal season. No duck hunters permitted on the refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day.

**Deer (Shotgun – Muzzleloader)(Young-Sportsman)** - One hunt: Sept. 16–17. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Sept. 22–24. Hunter quota 200. Two deer no more than one antlered, one bearded turkey (bonus deer).

**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Oct. 6–8. Two deer, no more than one antlered, one bearded turkey (bonus deer).

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - One hunt: Oct. 20–22. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - One hunt: Oct. 27–29. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Turkey** - Same as statewide spring turkey season.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15, daylight hours only. Closed to training during refuge closure dates.

**Retriever Dog Field Trials** - Pre-approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.

**Camping** - During deer hunts only at check station.

### JACKSON SWAMP

OVERTON COUNTY • 203 ACRES  
JOHNNY POSTON (615) 342-9307 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.

**Dove** - Sept. 1 by hand-held drawing. Drawing to be conducted on Aug. 26 at Independence Community Center. Drawing sign-up begins at 4 p.m. local time. Drawing will be held at 5 p.m. local time. Hunters must be present to be drawn.

**Dove** - Sept. 2 through remainder of statewide season, same as statewide regulations.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

### KEYES-HARRISON

CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 1,740 ACRES  
DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479 • **SG, HI**

*Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Closed to quail hunting.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

### KINGSTON REFUGE

ROANE COUNTY • 300 ACRES  
ROB KLIPPEL 423-693-6391

Closed to hunting, trapping and dog training.

## LUPER MOUNTAIN

CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 5,617 ACRES  
DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479 • **SG, BG, HI**

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Deer** - same as statewide deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the deer gun season.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

## LONESTAR MOUNTAIN UNIT

*Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Deer** - same as statewide deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the deer gun season.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

## MCGLOTHIN-LARGEN

ROANE COUNTY • 112 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG, WF**

*Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season closes Dec. 9. Archery equipment only for deer. September waterfowl seasons closed for wood duck, teal and Canada goose.

**Rabbit** - Dec. 9 to last day of Feb. on Saturday and Sunday only. Bag limit of three per day.

**Squirrel** - Aug. 26–Sept. 22, Dec. 9 to last day of Feb. and during spring squirrel season except as noted. Shotguns with No. 6 shot or smaller only.

**Dove** - Sept. 1 & 2. Noon to sunset only on Sept. 1.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15. Beagles and pointing breeds only.

## MT. ROOSEVELT

CUMBERLAND/ROANE/MORGAN COUNTIES • 11,000 ACRES  
DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479 • **SG, BG, HI**

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*



Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.

Same as statewide season except as noted. Closed to September Archery Bear Season. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Deer** - same as statewide Unit A deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the gun season.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

## NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK

HAMILTON COUNTY • 5,400 ACRES  
BRIAN LETNER (423) 365-9571  
**SG, WF, BG**

**HIXSON, LAKE CAROLYN, ROGERS, SUTTON, THRASHER BOTTOMS, VANDERGRIF, POE BRANCH AND VARNER UNITS.**

*No motorized vehicles outside parking areas. Units closed after sunset except to opossum and raccoon hunters. Trespass prohibited by non-hunters on hunt days. Hixson, Rogers, Varner and Vandergriff Units closed to all forms of trespass except hunting and trapping during the late waterfowl seasons.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All hunting ends on Jan. 31, except spring squirrel season and spring turkey season.

Hunting only allowed on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, unless exception is indicated.

Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl).

Closed to quail hunting.

Bag limit for rabbits is three per day.

Hixson, Rogers, Vandergriff and Varner Units closed to all forms of trespass except hunting and trapping during the late waterfowl seasons.

**Dove** - Sept. 1 and every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of the statewide dove season. Dove hunting from noon to sunset on Sept. 1. No dove hunters or dove hunting equipment on dove fields prior to 7 a.m. on opening day of the first segment on the dove season.

**Deer** - hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements during the statewide deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.

**Turkey** - hunting ends at noon each day. Fall turkey season is archery only.

**Waterfowl** - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and the first and last day of the statewide season and the youth waterfowl season. Shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller. Waterfowl hunting ends at noon each day, including the youth waterfowl season. Hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.

**Deer (Archery - Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only)** - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.

**Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only)** - Same as statewide season, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Turkey hunting ends at noon each day. Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.

**Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only)** - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Hunting ends at noon each day. Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.

**Trapping** - Friday before Thanksgiving - Jan. 31. Traps must be checked each day.

**Dog training (all breeds)** - Sept. 1–Jan. 31. Hixson, Rogers, Varner and Vandergriff Units closed to dog training from the first opening day of the late duck season until the end of duck season.

**PATTON UNIT • SG, WF, BG, HI**

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Conservation Permit.*

*Possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**OAK RIDGE**

ROANE/ANDERSON COUNTIES • 36,000 ACRES  
SHANNON YOUNG (865) 576-2380 (CHECK STATION);  
865-574-7052 (OFFICE) • **SG, WF, BG**

*Shotguns, muzzleloading rifles and archery equipment only. On big game quota hunts and on approved scouting days for all areas, except behind all security checkpoints, a non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (21 years old or older) who has a valid Oak Ridge WMA quota permit. However, these non-hunting juveniles may not accompany hunters into any area requiring entry through a Security Portal or Security Police Officer Check Point (e.g. Tower Shielding Facility, Chestnut Ridge/Park City Road or any badged-only hunting areas). During deer hunts, non-hunting juveniles must also comply with blaze orange regulations specified for legal hunters. No boat access during deer hunts except to access Haw Ridge Park. Boat access only for waterfowl hunters accessing Solway and Freels Bend on or during the designated Sept. and Oct. hunting dates. Hunters must carry, at all times, hunting license and permit, valid picture identification (youth excluded), and signed current hunt map. During Oct., Nov., and Dec. big game hunts all hunters must wear daylight fluorescent orange (blaze orange) including archery hunters in the Archery-Only Zones. Dog training prohibited. Hunters are required to check in big game and coyotes at WMA check station. Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.*

**Deer (Shotgun/Muzzleloader/Archery) (Zone 1)** - Three hunts: Nov. 4–5, Nov. 11–12 and Dec. 9–10. Hunter quota 225. Three deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Shotgun/Muzzleloader/Archery)(Zone 1)** - Three hunts: Nov. 4–5, Nov. 11–12, and Dec. 9–10. Hunter quota 225. Three deer, antlerless only (bonus deer).

**Deer (Archery) (Zone 2)** - Three hunts: Nov. 4–5, Nov. 11–12 and Dec. 9–10. Hunter quota 300. Three deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). While deer hunting, one bearded turkey may be harvested and will count toward your statewide bag limit.

**Deer (Archery) (Zone 2)** - Three hunts: Nov. 4–5, Nov. 11–12, and Dec. 9–10. Hunter quota 300. Three deer, antlerless only (bonus deer). While deer hunting, one bearded turkey may be harvested and will

count toward your statewide bag limit.

**Scouting dates:** 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 28 for the Nov. 4–5 and Nov. 11–12 permit holders; Dec. 2 for the Dec. 9–10 permit holders.

**Waterfowl** - One half hour before sunrise to noon - hunting on Solway and Freels Bend only from the shoreline to Solway Bend Farm Road and from the shoreline to Freels Bend Farm Road. Access by boat only. Hunting from temporary blinds only.

**Canada Goose** - Sept. 4, 9, 10, 16, 17 and Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22.

**Wood Duck/Teal** - Sept. 9–10.

**Turkey** - Two hunts: April 13–14, April 20–21. Hunter quota 225. One bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon daily. Successful hunters must be at the check station by 1 p.m.

**Turkey scouting date:** 7 a.m. to noon EST April 6 for the April 13–14 and April 20–21 permit holders and approved youths only.

All listed times are in the Eastern time zone.

**PAINT ROCK REFUGE**

ROANE COUNTY • 1,600 ACRES  
ON WATTS BAR LAKE  
ROB KLIPPEL (423) 693-6791 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons. Shotguns only for small game.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15

**PEA RIDGE**

DEKALB COUNTY • 1,958 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG, HI**

*Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise, except for pond fishing. Hooved animal riding, bicycling, and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Conservation Permit. Motorized vehicles not permitted behind locked gates. OHV use is restricted to roads open to other motorized vehicle traffic. Driving on the pond levee, pond edges, fields, or dirt roads is prohibited.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer same as statewide Unit B season except closed Oct. 21–27.

Closed to quail hunting except open to young sportsmens quail hunt Oct. 21–27. Bag limit 2 quail per day per hunter. Youth quail hunters must be accompanied by a non hunting adult age 21 or older.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

**PICKETT STATE FOREST**

PICKETT COUNTY • 11,000 ACRES  
MANAGED BY PICKETT SF (931) 218-9039  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **NP**



Same as statewide seasons.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

**Camping** - State forest regulations apply or state park managed campgrounds.

**PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST**

MARION COUNTY • 24,000 ACRES  
ON HWY. 27, 5 MILES EAST OF POWELL'S CROSSROADS  
MARTY GRIFFITH (423) 658-0298 • **SG, BG**

*Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Organized competition events for motorized vehicles is prohibited. The maximum noise limit for all motorized vehicles is 86 dBA, as measured 50 feet from the exhaust, except as otherwise permitted. The maximum speed limit is 25 mph or less if otherwise posted. All side roads and trails will be closed to motorized vehicles Dec. 20–March 15. Big game hunters are required to check in big game at the WMA check station when station is in operation. Closed to all hunting March 1–the fourth Friday in August, except during spring turkey and spring squirrel seasons.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting and dog training will close at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise indicated. Closed to quail hunting.

**Fox - Opossum - Raccoon** - First Friday in Nov.–end of Feb., except hunting will be limited to Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights only. Bag limit is one per party per night.

**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Sept. 16–18. Hunter quota 400. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Sept. 19–22. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).




**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - Two hunts: Oct. 12–14, 26–28. Hunter quota 250. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).


**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Oct. 21–22. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).


**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Nov. 3–5. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).


**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Nov. 25–30. Two deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

 **Turkey** - Six hunts: April 16–18, 19–21, 24–26, May 2–4, 7–9, 14–16. One bearded turkey per day. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

 **Trapping** - Dec. 2–12.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

 **Firing Range** - Open Thursday, Friday, Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Closed during big game hunts. Permit required.

 **Camping** - Hunter check station campground- open year-round (No Access to WMA During Big Game Hunts). Davis Pond campground- open year-round, closed during big game hunts (Must be at campground by sunset, no riding around privileges after sunset).

Tennessee Wall Campground- open year-round (no access to area during big game hunts).

## SKINNER MOUNTAIN

FENTRESS COUNTY • 18,950 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG, HI**

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. OHVs permitted from the fourth Saturday in August through the spring squirrel season.*

 **Big Game**  **Small Game** 

Same as statewide seasons. Trapping and small game hunting closes at sunset the day before hog control season. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.


 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 11, Jan. 15.

**Wild Hog (Control Season - Dogs Permitted)** - Jan. 12–14. No limit, either sex. Only authorized participants allowed on the area during the Wild Hog Control Season.

All participants in the hog control season must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of blaze orange, visible front and back.

Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking Deer, Bear or Elk.

**Legal hours** - One half-hour before sunrise and to one half-hour after sunset.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

## STANDING STONE STATE FOREST





OVERTON COUNTY • 8,764 ACRES  
MANAGED BY STANDING STONE SF (931) 403-1010  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **NP**

 **Big Game**  **Small Game** 

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

 **Camping** - State forest regulations apply or state park managed campgrounds.

## TELLICO LAKE

MONROE AND LOUDON COUNTY • 8,000 ACRES  
MITCH CLURE (423) 884-6767 • **SG, BG**


*Field trial permit required.*


 **Big Game**  **Small Game**  

Same as statewide season, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters. No blinds or decoys left overnight.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

### TELLICO WEST UNIT - (THE PORTION OF TELLICO RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT AGENCY INDUSTRIAL PARK AT LTRM 18.0 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TELLICO RESERVOIR)


 **Deer (Archery)** - Four hunts: Sept. 16–17, Oct. 14–15, Nov. 11–12, Dec. 16–17. Hunter quota 30 each hunt. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).



 **Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Two hunts: April 6–7, April 27–28. Hunter quota 5. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.


### MCGHEE-CARSON UNIT - (THAT PENINSULA OF FT. LOUDOUN STATE HISTORIC PARK AT LTRM 21.0)


*All small game hunting is for Young Sportsman (ages 6–16 only). Each youth must be accompanied by a non hunting adult 21 or older. For small game hunting either the youth or the adult must possess*


*a WMA small game permit. For big game hunting youth must possess a WMA big game permit.*

 **Dove** - Sept. 1, 2, 4. Opens at noon on Sept. 1, all day Sept. 3 and 5. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult, 21 or older, who may also hunt.

  **Rabbit, Squirrel** - Nov. 18–19, 25–26, Dec. 2–3, 9–10, 16–17, 23–24, 30–31, Jan. 6–7. Bag limit 3 rabbits per day. Shotguns only.

 **Deer (Shotgun only - Young-Sportsman)** - One hunt: Nov. 11–12. Hunter quota 35. One antlered or antlerless deer. (Bonus deer).

 **Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - April 6–7, April 27–28. Hunter quota 5. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15. Closed during field trials and big game hunts. Daylight hours only.



**Dog Field Trials** - Field Trial Permit Required. Sept. 1–April 30. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the TWRA Region III Office at least 30 days before trial dates. Field trial gallery - must be kept out of standing or planted crops by marshals provided by sponsoring clubs. Horses permitted during dog training and field trials.

### CHOTA REFUGE UNIT - (THAT PORTION FROM LTRM 26.0 UPSTREAM TO THE HIWASSEE - ALCOA POWERLINE AT LTRM 29.7)

 **Big Game**  **Small Game** 

Same as statewide, except as noted. Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 through last day of Feb., except in designated observation areas. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer or bear hunt by legal deer or bear hunters. All seasons closed during the refuge closure dates. Steel shot is required for doves.

Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted.

  **Rabbit, Quail** - Oct. 28–Nov. 3.

 **Dog training** - March 1–Oct. 31.

**Dog Field Trials** - March 1–Oct. 31. Field Trial Permit Required. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the TWRA Region III Office at least 30 days before trial dates.

### THE BOILS

JACKSON COUNTY • 119 ACRES  
JOHNNY POSTON • (615) 342-9307 • **SG, WF, BG**

*Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15.

### IRON HILL ISLAND; LONG ISLAND UNIT; THIEF NECK ISLAND UNIT

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting is open with statewide seasons, except it is shotgun-archery only. During the deer season, small game hunting is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday on Thief Neck Island.

Archery equipment only for deer except juveniles may use shotguns or muzzleloaders during statewide Young Sportsman hunts. Centerfire rifles prohibited.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

Same as statewide season, except no trapping during the duck season on the Long Island Unit.

*Feb. No boat access. No ATV, ORV, or horseback riding permitted.*

*During big game quota hunts, one non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years or older) who has a valid WMA quota permit. During deer gun hunts, non-hunting juveniles must also comply with blaze orange regulations specified for legal hunters.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Closed to quail hunting. Small game seasons closed in Wetland Zone from Nov. 15–last day of Feb. Small game hunting closes at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

**Wood Duck, Teal** - Same as Sept. Wood Duck/Teal season. No duck hunters permitted on the refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day. Walk-in access only. No boat access from the river

**Dove** - Sept. 1 until the end of the first segment.

**Raccoon, Opossum** - Nov. 17 until the last day of Feb. Hunting permitted on Tuesday and Wednesday only, sunset to sunrise. Bag limit on raccoons, one per person per night. No limit on opos-

### WATTS BAR

ROANE COUNTY • 3,880 ACRES  
PRIMARILY ON ISLANDS AND ACCESS AREAS ON WATTS BAR LAKE  
ROB KLIPPEL (423) 693-6791 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide season, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting allowed from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.

**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

### YUCHI REFUGE

RHEA COUNTY • 2,364 ACRES  
BRIAN LETNER (423) 365-9571 • **SG, WF, BG**

*Non-toxic shot only in Wetland Zone. Wetland Zone closed to all forms of public use, including all forms of trespass, from Nov. 15–the last day of*

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sums. All dogs must be removed from the area prior to sunrise on Thursday.

 **Rabbit** - Nov. 15–last day of February. Bag limit on rabbits is three per day.


 **Deer** - Antlered deer must have a minimum of four points on one antler or a fifteen inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts.

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Three hunts: Sept. 23–24, Oct. 7–8, Oct. 21–22. Hunter quota 75 each hunt. Three deer, only one antlered (bonus deer). Antler point restrictions do not apply to these hunts.


**Deer (Gun):** Two hunts: Oct. 28–29, Nov. 11–12. Hunter quota 75. Three deer, no more than one antlered (Bonus deer). First deer harvested must be

**Deer (Gun) (Upland Zone)** - One hunt: [unclear] Hunter quota 50. Three deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). First deer harvested must be antlerless.


 **Deer, Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Only)** - Three wheelchair-bound hunters allowed per quota deer hunt and two hunters per turkey quota hunt. Hunters must contact Region 3 office to reserve hunt date.

 **Turkey** - Four hunts: March 29–31, April 19–21, 26–28, May 10–12. Hunter quota 10. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: March 23–24. Hunter quota 15. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.

 **Dog training** - Nov. 15 to last day of Feb. in upland zone. Closed to dog training in wetland zone. Daylight hours only. No fox or coyote chasing. No dog training one day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

**Retriever Dog Field Trials** - Pre-approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.

 **Quail hunting closed.** Quail dog training only during statewide quail season.

## REGION IV

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

### BUFFALO SPRINGS

GRAINGER COUNTY • 342 ACRES  
REGION IV OFFICE (423) 587-7037 • SG, BG


*Waterfall parking area closed one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise except as authorized by the WMA manager.*

*Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited in the waterfall area.*

*Night time use of all additional WMA access points is prohibited except for raccoon and opossum hunters and scheduled events.*

 **Big Game**  **Small Game**  


Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Dove** - Sept. 1, 2 and 4 and the remainder of statewide seasons.

### NORTH CHEROKEE

ALONG THE TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA STATE LINE NORTH OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK  
REGION IV OFFICE (423) 587-7037 • BG

*Cherokee WMA Non-quota Big Game permit (Type 095, Type 167 or Type 094) or Sportsman License required to hunt the non-quota big game hunts. Some roads normally open to public travel may be closed from Dec. 15–March 31.*

 **Shooting ranges** - Open daylight hours only See tnwildlife.org for details.

**Safety Zone** - On the Cherokee WMA, hunting or discharging a firearm is prohibited within 150 yards of a developed recreation area, campsite, residence, building, occupied area, across or on a National Forest system road. Contact the appropriate U.S. Forest Service office for more information.

**Horseback riding** - Horseback riding on properties owned by the U.S. Forest Service shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service regulations. Contact the U.S. Forest Service (423-476-9700). On those properties owned or leased by the TWRA, horseback riding is only allowed upon roads opened for vehicle travel. No riding off road into openings, fields, trails or through streams.

**Dog Training** - Dog training prohibited unless otherwise specified. The use or possession of any electronic tracking devices from March 1–Aug. 15 is prohibited.

*On property owned or leased by the TWRA, ATV and OHV operation is prohibited.*

Only pointing breed dogs are permitted in the bear reserve one day before and during bear hunts that allow the use of dogs. During bear hunts that do not allow the use of hounds, small game hunters in the bear reserves are limited to two dogs per vehicle.

Wild hogs may be taken on any big game hunt with the methods/firearms legal for that hunt, except wild hogs may not be taken in the bear reserves during bear season.



**Dove, Grouse, Quail, Rabbit, Snipe, Squirrel, Trapping** - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

Small game hunters (except raccoon and opossum hunters between sunset and sunrise) must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.

Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Groundhog, fox and skunk may be taken on any small game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Fox closed in Washington County.

## RESERVE INFORMATION

### North Cherokee Bear Reserves

Bear hunting is not permitted in the following bear reserves unless a special exception is provided by proclamation. Wild hog season is closed during bear season.

#### ANDREW JOHNSON BEAR RESERVE

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area and private inholdings lying southwest of Hwy. 70, east of Hwy. 107 and north of Hwys. 25-70.

#### KETTLEFOOT BEAR RESERVE

The Cherokee Wildlife Management area and private inholdings lying north of Hwy. 421, east of South Holston Lake, south of the Tennessee-Virginia line, and west of Hwy. 91.


#### LAUREL FORK BEAR RESERVE


The Cherokee Wildlife Management area and private inholdings lying south of Hwy. 321, west of Poga Road, west of the Tennessee-North Carolina line, and north of Hwy 19E.

#### UNICOI BEAR RESERVE

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area lying west of U.S. Hwy. 23, and the Devils Fork Road, north of the Tennessee/North Carolina state line, east of the Horse Creek Road to Hwy. 107 and south of Hwy. 107 to Erwin.

Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with methods/firearms legal for the scheduled hunt. No dogs allowed.

 Spring squirrel season is closed.


 **Deer** - Dates are same as statewide season. Antlered bag limit is two and counts toward statewide bag limit.



**Deer (Archery)** - Bag limit of four antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).


**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - Bag limit of one antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).


**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Bag limit of two antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).


**Deer (Gun)** - Closed to antlerless hunting.

 **Turkey** - Same as statewide season.

  **Opossum, Raccoon** - Oct. 6–last day in February. Season closed Oct. 6–20, Oct. 27–29, Nov. 5–13, Nov. 17–21, Nov. 26–Dec. 13 in all bear reserves.

 **Bear** - Same as statewide season, except closed Sept. 23–29 and Oct. 3–6. Closed to the restrictive bear hunt in the Kettlefoot and Laurel Fork Bear Reserves.

 **Bear Dog Training Season** - Sept. 5–30. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.

 **Camping** - please refer to US Forest Service district offices.

### CHUCK SWAN STATE FOREST

UNION/CAMPBELL COUNTIES • 24,444 ACRES  
NEAR MAYNARDVILLE  
DUSTIN MCCUBBINS (865) 278-3248 • **SG, BG**

*Closed to bear hunting. Deer driving, loud noises, and harassment on all deer hunts is prohibited. Entering the WMA from Norris Lake during the deer and turkey hunts is prohibited. Guides prohibited on all hunts. Horses, ATVs, non-licensed passenger vehicles and motorcycles are prohibited on the main forest road. The main forest road is defined as the road beginning at the Big Game check station and ending at the intersection of the Back Valley, Forks of the River, and Big Loop roads. ORV, horseback riding, bicycles, and all other vehicles are restricted to roads marked "open to vehicular traffic." A licensed vehicle is defined as a vehicle that is tagged, registered and insured and is legal to operate on county, state and federal highways. Speed limit is 25 mph. All operators or passengers under the age of 18 of an off highway vehicle are required to wear an appropriate safety helmet. Organized competition events for motorized/ non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Maximum noise limit of 86 dBs for all motorized vehicles as measured at 50 feet from the exhaust.*





Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting is closed as posted. Closed to hunting March 1–the fourth Friday in August, except for Spring Turkey and Spring Squirrel hunting. Small game hunting will close at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise specified. Closed to quail hunting.


Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Groundhog, fox and skunk may be taken on any small game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapons legal for the scheduled hunt.

 **Raccoon** - Seven one night hunts. Dec. 10–16. Hunters must check out by 1 a.m. One raccoon per person.


 **Coyote** - June 4–Aug. 12. No Limit. Centerfire allowed. Call WMA office for free permit. 865-278-3248.


 **Deer - Archery** - One hunt: Sept. 29–30. Hunter quota 400. One deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.


**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Oct. 21–22. Hunter quota 200. One deer, either sex (Bonus deer).


**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - One hunt: Nov. 10–11. Hunter quota 650. One deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer (Gun)** - Two hunts: Dec. 1–2, 8–9. Hunter quota 650. One deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

 **Turkey** - Five hunts: April 4–6, 11–13, 18–20, 25–27, May 2–4. Hunter quota 150. One turkey per hunt. Turkey counts towards statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon each day. Hunter must sign in and out at check station and be out by 1 p.m.

 **Trapping** - Jan. 6–Feb 29. No raccoons. Quota is one party per compartment. Trappers must apply at WMA office. No snares or conibear traps. Trappers must report catch annually.

 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15, daylight hours only.

 Range open Thursday and Friday from noon to sunset and Saturday and Sunday from sunrise to sunset. Closed during all big game quota hunts. No buckshot allowed on range. Permit required for range. See [tnwildlife.org](http://tnwildlife.org) for details.

### COVE CREEK

CAMPBELL COUNTY • 2,450 ACRES  
KEITH THOMAS (423) 566-8557 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except where noted.

 **Deer**

| DATES               | BAG LIMITS* AND RESTRICTIONS    |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Archery</b>      |                                 |
| Sept. 23–Oct. 27    | One Antlered and One Antlerless |
| Oct. 30–Nov. 3      | One Antlerless                  |
| <b>Muzzleloader</b> |                                 |
| Nov. 4–10           | One Antlered deer               |
| Nov. 11–17          | One deer, Either sex            |
| <b>Gun</b>          |                                 |
| Nov. 18–24          | One deer, Either sex            |
| Nov. 25–Jan. 7      | One deer, Antlered only         |
| <b>Youth Hunt</b>   |                                 |
| Oct. 28–29          | Same as Unit B (see pg. 17)     |
| Jan. 13–14          |                                 |

\* These are not bonus deer. All deer count toward Unit B statewide bag limits.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.

 **Fall Turkey** - Closed to fall turkey season

### FOOTHILLS

BLOUNT COUNTY • 11,000 ACRES  
GPS: 35 36.766 BY 084 02.216 W  
MATT JELICORSE (423) 587-7037 • **SG, BG**

*Motorized vehicles and horseback riding prohibited. The use of and/or possession of any tracking device for dogs from March 1 to Aug. 31 is not permitted.*


*Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).*

*Wild hogs may be taken during any hunt with legal hunt devices for that hunt.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Closed to hunting March 1st through 4th Friday in August, except for spring turkey. Closed to quail hunting and dog training.

 **Deer** - Dates are same as statewide season. Bag limit of two antlered deer (count toward statewide limit). Closed to all antlerless hunting except during Young Sportsman deer hunt.

  **Opossum, Raccoon** - Jan. 1–Feb. 29.

## FORKS OF THE RIVER

KNOX COUNTY • 648 ACRES  
EAST OF KNOXVILLE  
GPS: 35.952572 N BY 83.858632 W  
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*Special Use - All trails on the area used for bicycling require the High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit except the Perimeter Trail. The Perimeter trail is defined as the Will Skelton Greenway, Whaley Trail, and Western*

*Perimeter Trail: The Perimeter Trail is open year round. All other trails open only to hunters from Sept. 1–May 31. No hooved animal riding or motorized vehicles.*

*Shotguns, Muzzleloader and Archery equipment only.*

*Area closed one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, except for raccoon and opossum hunters and scheduled events.*

*Paintball guns and accessories prohibited.*

*All animals accompanied by a non-hunting person are required to be leashed.*

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

All hunting is closed from March 1 through 4th Friday in August, except for spring squirrel and spring turkey season.

The early September waterfowl seasons are closed.



**Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.



**Dove** - Sept. 1, 2 and 4 with gate opening at 6:30 a.m. and the remainder of the statewide season is walk in only. All fields return to same as statewide season beginning Sept. 4 and are open to all hunters. Do not block the gate.

**Youth/Adult Field Exception** - open on Sep. 1 at noon and Sept. 2 and 3 gate opens at 6:30 a.m., youths who must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.

**Pigeon** is open with dove season.

**Falconry and Crow** - Opens Sept. 9 and runs concurrent with statewide season.

## FORT LOUDOUN

KNOX COUNTY • 492 ACRES  
LANDS OWNED BY THE TVA AND PUBLIC WATERS OF FORT LOUDOUN RESERVOIR BETWEEN TRM 638.5 AND TRM 649.5 AS POSTED  
REGION IV OFFICE (423) 587-7037 • **NP**

*Closed to dog training.*



**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons, except open only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, one-half hour before sunrise until noon. Size BBB or smaller required.

## HENDERSON ISLAND REFUGE

JEFFERSON COUNTY • 525 ACRES  
ON DOUGLAS RESERVOIR BETWEEN RIVER MILES 42 AND 44  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • **SG, BG**

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–last day of Feb. Public entry and fishing permitted while in the main river channel passing through the refuge. Horses prohibited. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted. All small game hunting is Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult, age 21 years or older, who may also hunt. Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).*

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training, excluding raccoon and opossum, closes at 4 p.m. Quail season is closed.



**Rabbit** - Nov. 1–14.



**Dog training** - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1–Nov. 14. All other: March 1–Oct. 31.

## KYKER BOTTOMS REFUGE

BLOUNT COUNTY • 525 ACRES  
GPS: 35.602180 BY 84.122143 W  
MATT JELICORSE (423) 587-7037 • **SG, BG**

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–last day of Feb. except in designated observation areas. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted.*

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting is Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult, age 21 years or older, who may also hunt. Blaze orange is required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



Deer hunting is open during archery and youth only. Wild hogs may be taken on any deer and turkey hunt with hunting devices legal for those hunts.



Turkey is Youth/Adult only April 6–7 and weekends of the statewide season open Friday–Sunday only. Youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult, age 21 years or older, who may also hunt.



**Rabbit, Quail** - Nov. 1–14. Quail bag limit two/day, rabbit and quail hunting closes at 4 p.m.



**Raccoon** - Sept. 1–2, 8–9.



**Dog training** - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1–Nov. 14. Closes at 4 p.m. each day.

## KYLES FORD

HANCOCK/HAWKINS COUNTY • 1,000 ACRES  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • **SG, BG**

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training excluding raccoon/opossum closes at 4 p.m. Blaze orange is required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



**Quail** - Open to dog training only. Quail dog training open only during quail season.



**Rabbit Dog Training** - Oct. 1–31.

## LICK CREEK BOTTOMS

GREENE COUNTY • 1,400 ACRES  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • **SG, WF, BG**

*Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game (including dove) hunting.*

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training (excluding raccoon and opossum) closes at 4 p.m. 500 square inches of blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



**Quail** - Open to training only. Training open only during the statewide quail season.



**Rabbit Dog Training** - Oct. 1–Oct. 31.



**Dove** - Sept. 1 youth/adult only, Sept. 2 is youth/adult only until noon, beginning at noon the field is open to all hunters for the remainder of the season.

Entire Mohawk dove field is non-toxic shot.

### EARLY WATERFOWL SEASONS WOOD DUCK/TEAL, TEAL ONLY, CANADA GOOSE

Same as statewide seasons.

**LATE WATERFOWL SEASONS SOUTH MOHAWK, SKINNER, AND FOXGATE UNITS:**

Open only on Tuesdays and Saturdays as well as the closing day of the season. Hunting closes at noon. Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by hand-held bi-weekly drawings. Every other Saturday, a hand-held drawing will be conducted at 1 p.m. to determine the following two weeks Tuesdays and Saturdays hunters. The final drawing of the season will also include closing day. The drawing will be held at the Joachim Bible Refuge Maintenance Facility and hunters must be present and have all applicable licenses/permits to enter drawing. Hunting will only be allowed from designated staked positions and/or pools. Hunters drawn may bring up to 3 guests. Note: Drawn hunter must accompany these guests. After the youth/veteran waterfowl seasons, goose seasons to coincide with statewide seasons. No stake/pool restrictions or drawings.

During the late waterfowl seasons, access to the South Mohawk, Skinner, and Foxgate Units is restricted to hunters actively pursuing game and any waterfowl hunters possessing a valid permit for an upcoming waterfowl hunt. Permits are valid from the issue date until the end of the waterfowl hunt listed on the permit. Drawn waterfowl hunters must have their permit in their possession when scouting/hunting. During big game muzzleloader/gun hunts, all scouting hunters must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange on the body and head.

Goose season is closed on the area at the end of late waterfowl season. Goose season is open to youth/veteran only during the youth waterfowl seasons. Goose season is open to adults after the youth/veteran waterfowl seasons.

Remainder of Area: Same as statewide seasons. No staked positions/pools.

**YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT**

Closes each day at sunset.

South Mohawk, Skinner, and Foxgate Units: Same as statewide dates. First come first serve at designated stakes and pools as posted.

Remainder of Area: Same as statewide seasons. No staked positions/pools.

For all seasons, no permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed at the end of legal hunting hours.


**JOACHIM BIBLE WATERFOWL REFUGE UNIT (THAT PORTION OF LICK CREEK BOTTOMS WMA BETWEEN MURRAY BRIDGE ROAD, BIBLES CHAPEL ROAD, AND SOUTH MOHAWK ROAD)**


*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–last day of Feb. except in designated observation areas. Closed to waterfowl hunting.*


**Big Game** **Small Game**

Same as statewide, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training (excluding raccoon/possum) closes at 4 p.m. Closed to quail hunting. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game (including dove) hunting as posted. All small game hunting is Adult/

Youth only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.

 **Dove** - Opens Sept. 2, youth/adult only the entire season.

 **Rabbit** - Nov. 1–14. Bag limit two rabbits/day.


 **Dog training** - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1–31. All other: March 1–Oct. 31.

**NOLICHUCKY**

GREENE COUNTY • 1,000 ACRES  
TEN MILES SOUTH OF GREENEVILLE  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • **SG, WF, BG**

**Big Game** **Small Game** 

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 **Waterfowl** - Blinds, blind materials and decoys must be removed daily at the end of legal shooting hours. During all waterfowl seasons, boats may not be anchored, moored or aground more than 1 hour after legal waterfowl hunting hours or earlier than one hour before legal shooting hours.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15

**NORTH CUMBERLAND**

ANDERSON, CAMPBELL, CLAIBORNE, MORGAN AND SCOTT COUNTIES • 189,000 ACRES  
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*Special Use - OHV, hooved animal riding, bicycles and all other vehicles are restricted to roads marked "open to vehicular traffic." Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. Speed limit is 25 mph. Organized competition events for motorized/nonmotorized vehicles prohibited. Maximum noise limit of 86 dBs for all motorized vehicles as measured at 50 feet from the exhaust.*

*Public use is permitted during all hunts. During daylight hours all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or outside of camp must wear, on the upper portion of their body and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of blaze orange, visible front and back, during the deer and elk gun and muzzleloader seasons. No person shall remove minerals, including coal, trees, plants (including vines), or building stones from the area without specific authorization.*

*Camping is permitted on the entire area. Night time use by the general public and raccoon hunters is permitted area wide.*

**Big Game** **Small Game** 


Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to hunting March 1 through the 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey. Closed to spring squirrel hunting. Coyote hunting with centerfire weapons only allowed during deer gun seasons by licensed deer hunters. Archery hunters will be required to meet legal blaze orange requirements while hunting in the elk zones during the firearms elk hunts. Wild hogs may be taken during any hunt with hunting devices legal for that hunt.

Beaver Trapping - restricted to designated compartments. Contact WMA manager for information. Annual harvest log must be maintained and submitted to WMA Manager by Jan. 15

 **Quail** - Nov. 4–Jan. 15.


 **Dog training** - Sept. 1–March 15. Chasing fox, coyotes, and bobcats with dogs is not permitted.


 Closed to Fall Turkey Season.

 **Deer** On the Ed Carter Unit, antlered deer must have a minimum of four points on one antler or a fifteen-inch minimum outside antler spread.


| DATES               | BAG LIMITS* AND RESTRICTIONS |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Archery</b>      |                              |
| Sept. 23–Oct. 27    | One Antlered and             |
| Oct. 30–Nov. 3      | One Antlerless               |
| <b>Muzzleloader</b> |                              |
| Nov. 4–10           | One Antlered deer            |
| Nov. 11–17          | One deer, Either sex         |
| <b>Gun</b>          |                              |
| Nov. 18–24          | One deer, Either sex         |
| Nov. 25–Jan 7       | One deer, Antlered only      |
| <b>Youth Hunt</b>   |                              |
| Oct. 28–29          | Same as Unit B               |
| Jan. 13–14          |                              |


\* These are not bonus deer. All deer count toward Unit B statewide bag limits.

 Elk hunting information can be found on page 31.

 Same as Statewide BHZ 4 Season. See page 33 for details.

**Ginseng** - Sept 1–Dec. 31.


 Open daylight hours 7 days a week. Permit required for range.

 **Camping** - Allowed area wide. Do not block roads, trails, or gates.

**OTEY MILLS REFUGE OF NORTH CUMBERLAND WMA**

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass except as noted during big game and small game seasons. Dog training and trapping closed. Prohibited activities: OHV riding, horseback riding, mountain bike riding, hiking, camping, and ginseng hunting. Use and/or possession of alcohol is prohibited.*

**Special Deer Restriction** - Scouting days for deer quota hunts are Mondays prior to hunt dates. Quota hunters are required to check out harvested big game at the Otey Mills Refuge Checking Station when in operation.


 **Deer/Bear Archery** - one two day hunt Oct. 13-14. Hunter quota four. Bag Limit-one antlered deer and one bear. Antlered deer must have a minimum of four points on one antler or a fifteen inch minimum outside antler spread. Deer and bear count toward statewide bag limit.

**Deer Archery** - one two day hunt Dec. 1-2. Hunter quota four. Bag limit-one antlered deer. Antlered deer must have a minimum of four points on one antler or a fifteen inch minimum outside antler spread. Deer count toward statewide bag limit.

**Young Sportsman Deer Archery** - one two day hunt Nov. 4-5. Bag limit - one deer either sex, Antlered deer must have a minimum of four points on one antler or a fifteen inch minimum outside antler spread. Antlered deer count toward statewide bag limit.

**Small Game**

**Small Game**-Jan. 1-Feb. 29; closed to quail and spring squirrel seasons. Walk in access only.

 **Spring Turkey** - Youth/Adult only- same as statewide season. Walk in access only.

 **Fall Turkey** - Closed to Fall Turkey Season.


game hunters (except waterfowl) must wear blaze orange during big game hunts. Closed to hunting March 1 through fourth Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey and spring squirrel. Coyotes may be taken on big game hunts with devices legal for that hunt. No dogs allowed while coyote hunting.

 **Quail** - Nov. 4-Jan. 15.

**WHITES MILL**

BLOUNT COUNTY • 53 ACRES  
MATT JELICORSE (423) 587-7037 • NP

*Closed to all activity from Nov. 15 to the last day of the youth waterfowl season, except legal hunters on Saturdays.*

 **Waterfowl, Snipe** - Youth/Adult only - Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt. Saturdays only from staked positions.

**Bullfrog** - March 1-Nov. 14, gigs only.


**RANKIN**

COCKE COUNTY • 1,975 ACRES  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, BG

*No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed at the end of legal hunting hours.*

**Big Game** **Small Game** 

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small



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# Farmland Owner License Exemption Statement

## FARMLAND OWNER LICENSE EXEMPTION STATEMENT

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Map #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of landowner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of hunter/fisherman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

TN Driver's Lic. #: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that I am exempt from requirements to possess a hunting and fishing license under the terms of TCA 70-2-204(a) while hunting or fishing on the property identified above due to the following owner relationship:  
 I am a resident of Tennessee and I am (check one):

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> an owner of the property | <input type="checkbox"/> a tenant residing on the property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a spouse of the owner    | <input type="checkbox"/> a spouse of the tenant            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a child of the owner     | <input type="checkbox"/> a dependent child of the tenant   |

Signature of hunter/fisherman \_\_\_\_\_

This card shall be completed, signed and submitted upon the request of an officer of the TWRA, or upon presenting game to a check station.

WR-0815

TCA 70-2-204. Hunting and fishing on farm land – License exemption to owner, tenants and their spouses and children. – (a) The owners and tenants of farmlands, and their spouse and children, have the right to engage in the sport of hunting and fishing, subject to all the provisions of all laws or regulations concerning wildlife, upon such lands and waters thereon of which they or their spouses or parents are the bona fide owners or tenants with the permission of the landowner, during the season when it is lawful to do so, without procuring a hunting and sport fishing license. **Tenants and their spouses and their dependent children must be bona fide residents of the state and must actually reside on the land. Owners and their spouses and children must be bona fide residents of the state.** Land may qualify as farmland only if it is owned by no more than one (1) individual or a family; provided, that if land is owned jointly or in common by persons who are first cousins related by blood, then such cousins and their children may hunt small game and fish on such land under the provisions of this subsection. "Family" means any combination of kinship within the third degree including any spouse who has an interest in the property. "Tenant" means an individual who receives compensation such as free rent or money for acting either in the place of or at the direction of the landowner in tending to the requirements needed to care for the farmland. The primary purpose of the tenancy shall be agricultural in nature.

Sheriff Dept. Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Wildlife Officer Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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WR-0623

### HUNTER/LANDOWNER PERMISSION CARD

Hunter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. # \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

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### Landowner Copy

#### Hunter Copy

Hunter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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